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True to the Game is considered a 'street classic' and for over twenty years has been in the hearts of its readers with a story like no other. Gena the main character finds herself in true blue love with Quadir, a millionaire associated with the cartel. Quadir is faced with combating the art of extortion and interception masterminded by the notorious Junior Mafia, which reigns from the inner city streets of Philadelphia onto the pages of this book. Both Gena and Quadir find themselves caught up in the vicious, yet seductive, world of drugs and money, only to find that success in his Game is no easy win. There's no way out once you're in, and everyone stays forever...TRUE. Enjoy a copy today of the ORIGINAL and CLASSIC cover copy of TRUE TO THE GAME!

## **True to the Game Details**

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\*~CONN!3~ says

This read had me in tears...excellent read...classic

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**Ladynikiw says**

Wooo, lordt this was terrible. I checked it out after seeing a trailer for the movie somewhere. The movie looked terrible so I thought maybe this was one of those cases where the book would be better. WRONG. Smh

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**Nanette says**

I read this as part of my library's Urban Fiction genre study.

Years ago, when I took a library school class on adult popular fiction, I had to read two westerns. One of them was *Riders of the Purple Sage* by Zane Grey. *It wasn't the best book I've ever read, but it was very entertaining, and it contained all the elements I expected to find in the genre: cattle stampedes! Tumbleweeds! A damsel in distress! A villain who, literally, wore a black hat!*

*I feel the same way about True to the Game.* It's not the best book I've ever read, but it was consistently entertaining, and it contained all of the elements I expected to find in the genre (plus a cat named Gucci).

I'd call this a rags-to-riches story, but Gena's not the sort of woman who would ever wear rags, so it's more of a projects-to-Main Line (then back to the projects then back to the Main Line again) story. In the beginning, Gena has a good-for-nothing boyfriend, a flirtatious best friend, and a desire to make a better life for herself. When she meets Quadir on an excursion to New York City, she's intrigued, and when she gets to know him, they fall passionately in love. Quadir is Philadelphia's coke kingpin, and he's got enough disposable income to give Gena the life she's always wanted. Making the kind of money that Quadir makes puts a person in a lot of danger, and there's an upstart gang who wants a bigger piece of the drug-dealing pie.

So there's a tough-but-tender heroine, a hero who, given the chance, really just wants to be a dentist, a grandmother (Gah Git) who is the mother to an entire neighborhood worth of children, a variety of associates and hangers-on who want their piece of the good life, and villains who want to get in the way of Gena and Quadir's happiness. Woods does a good job capturing the atmosphere of the streets and the varied relationships that develop between the characters.

It's easy to decry urban fiction as literature that reinforces illegal behavior. I disagree. Woods doesn't glamorize the facts of these characters' lives. What they do and how they live is dangerous. It could get you shot. It could get you killed. It's one thing to have millions of dollars stashed away in a safe, but that money means nothing if you're dead--and that's a point that's conveyed very effectively in this book. It's up to the individual to decide if the game is worth the risk.

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## **Terry says**

Two stars and that is being generous. How did this book make it to the top when they are so many well-written writers who go unnoticed? I have no earthly ideal. If Teri Wood can make it as a so called writer, and be well received with accolades, any one can. Gena is one of the most underdeveloped characters I have read; and what was so special about Quadir? That he sells drugs to his own people and is rich because of that. The plot in the beginning was all over the place. I like street fiction when the characters are developed and there is a lesson and good story line. This was trash! So mad I picked it up because of all the rave reviews I'd read. And they said Teri Woods is the new generation's voice from the street. If this is true we are in serious trouble.

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## **Tianna says**

"Even the rich are hungry for love, for being cared for, for being wanted, for having someone to call their own." In this book one of the main characters Gena represents this quote very well. She wanted someone to call hers, whohe could trust. She was hungry for love and wanted to be cared for but she didnt want to work hard for it she wanted someone else to. This book is about a girl name Gena who is eighteen years old who goes out to different clubs in different citites and states to look for top ballars who can take care of her. She is very desperate to find a man who can take care of her so she doesnt have to work . Gena's dreams finally comes through when she meets Quadir her dreams come true. She gets to live the good life. He spoils her with diamonds , a big house and shopping sprees that have no limites. Gena feels on top of the world, she doesnt have to work for anything she wants all she has to do is ask for it . Gena doesnt care that she is spending dirty money and that anyday her "Lover" can be killed because of the kind of work he does. Problems start to happen with Quadir's drug business. people start to die and people start to get kidnapped because of tritior. Quadir is making millions a week and other drug lords aren't making as much and start to become jealous. Quadir wants to get out the game but doesn't know how. Many people tell him he won't make it out alive but Quadir believes he can. But something in his head tells him that he probaly wont be able to so he starts to hide some of his money where nobody knows where it will be stored. Gena starts to catch on that there are problems and start to think about what will happen to her if Quadir dies she doesnt know how she will be able t go on with life without him because she has no money of her own she depends on Quadir a lot. Only time can tell what will happen! I would recommend this book to mature young adults because it has a lot of description that can be disturbing.I gave this book three starts because it was kind of a slow book it only got interesting at the end. There really wasnt anything shocking happening in the book that kept me interested.

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## **Diane says**

Fabulous series! incredible writing,this book was engaging and had a nicely developed cast of characters..recommend (paperback!)

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### 3Dyneisha says

When I was about twelve years old I was in the Philadelphia Library in search of a book for school. Scanning the shelves I came across an aisle dedicated to African American Fiction Novels. The first book I laid eyes on was "True To The Game" by Teri Woods. The book cover was a plain black paperback with a set of dice on the bottom and the words TRUE TO THE GAME in big bold white letters. The book cover was very simple not eye grabbing but the title made me want to see what it was about.

True to the Game was an urban tale about the drug game during the late 1980's in the city of Philadelphia. The main characters Gena and Quadir find themselves caught in a vicious, yet seductive world of drugs and money. The price of fancy living can be expensive at time and deadly. In Gena's case she must deal with the abuse from her then boyfriend Jalil who paid all her bills, provided her with money, jewelry and kept her in the latest fashion.

This lifestyle soon became only a memory to Gena when she meets Quadir aka "Qua" one night in Harlem. Quadir a million dollar drug dealer sweeps Gena off her feet with a trip to Jamaica. They haven't separated since. But all stories can't have a happy ending. Quadir is faced with the art of extortion brought upon by the notorious Junior Mafia. With Quadir at war with the Junior Mafia, Gena is forced to hold her man down, their house, their cars, and his MONEY. With everything at stake they both must stay on top of their game and win. But all is tainted when Gena and Quadir join a party thrown by a close friend. Gunshots are fired bodies were dropped and lives were lost and among them were Quadir.

Gena is forced to watch the love of her life die and with him goes all her faith. Gena is lost now without Qua. His mother took back the Minnie mansion they once shared. She took the cars and left Gena for dead. Gena didn't accept any handouts. Gena return to the projects with her Grandmother and started from scratch. One day Gena received mail. It was a bill to an unknown address. Gena visited the apartment and recognized it immediately as the one Quadir visited periodically. Using the key Gena entered the complex. As she toured the apartment she came across a closet with steel safes built into them. Calling up a locksmith Gena revealed Quadir millions of dollars. She found his hidden treasure but what would she do with it? Who could she tell? Who could she trust? No one. Bagging up the millions Gena climbed in her Mercedes jumped on the Ben Franklin Bridge. She prepared to leave Philly and never return. But some one has other plans for her. True to the game was one of my very first urban novels I read. It set the standard high for any other urban books. True to the game was a page turning book. It had drama, it was realistic, and told a love story. All qualities an urban book should contain.

True to the Game was really a drama filled book. The arguments and the emotional dialogue kept me intrigued.

She walked over to the jeep and knocked on the glass window. Jamal jumped out of what looked like a very uncomfortable sleeping position.

"Where the fuck you been?"

Gena just looked at him, as if she didn't know what he was talking about.

"I spent the night over Sahirah's, Jamal."

"Oh, that gold-diggin' bitch with the matching hat and shovel?" Climbing out of the jeep, he continued, "I thought I told you I didn't want you hanging around her!"

"I know what you told me, Jamal, but this is a free country and I can do what I ..." The words were lost as her body made its way to the pavement with the force of Jamal's backhand." The drama in this book kept me glued to the chair. Every chapter in True To The Game had drama. It went from Gena's abusive relationship, to the death of her best friend Sahirah, then her relationship with Quadir. The drama kept me on edge.

Hungry for more. The production in the book is only one reason why I loved True to the Game.

True To the Game was such a realistic book. Nothing was sugar coated. Everything was real and gutter. The streets were described to a T. They had real life gang groups in the book and the time frame was on point. The way Teri Woods put life in Gena and Quadir made them appear to be real life people. Their problems

were the same like any other couple. They weren't like other characters in books I read. Teri gave them life. They were raised in the projects; they had to deal with poverty, tragedies and hardships. It wasn't hard for me to imagine them. Instead of Teri idealizing the picture of life of a "hustler" and his wife she represented life as it really is. She made it seeable. This is another reason why I liked this book.

"Quadir studied Gena as though he'd just been introduced to a goddess. My name is Quadir." From their meeting I was in love with the book. When reading True to the game the love story it shared was "So Blue" as Gena would say. Gena and Quadir relationship was like the urban Bonnie and Clyde or Romeo and Juliet. True to the Game told the love story of two people stuck in a hateful filled world. The love in this story was so real it had me wishing I had somebody to love me like that. When Gena and Quadir went to Jamaica for their first date they made love on a white sand beach where the waves crashed against their skin. Gena would write Quadir love poems when he went out to "work" and they'd sit in their mansion cuddled up in front of the fireplace staring in each other eyes. Cute right? I became so attach to their relationship that when Quadir died I cried reading how Gena broke down. The love story True to the Game told is the last reason why I loved it!

In conclusion, True to the Game was the best book I've ever read, it is definitely a must read book. I loved True to the Game so much I read it six times. Teri Woods really set the standards for urban authors. Teri Woods "True to the Game" was a page-turner. It had drama, it was realistic, and it told a love story. I Loved This Book!

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### **Shaleena says**

This my second time reading this series of True to the game. I actually read the original book she first wrote this time. It was very close to the newer version of the boook. What I can say that there part that were new to me like I don't remember her being beating up by her boyfriend Jamal, the trial with Forty, the way she was dressed for her party was different, Black and his girl pam. But the fable version was pretty good. So that everyone is clear there is two version to this book.

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### **Leanna armstrong says**

The story I am reading is True To The Game<sup>3</sup>. The author is Teri Woods. This book is a fiction book because it is base on a true story and its only dedicated to the person its about. The main idea if ture to the game is being ture and real to what you do as in giving it your all. But in this its like you have to stay ture to the streets and your friend because that's what its mainly about.

One very important line they use in this book that make it so real is that when your in the game and into the stress you can't snitch to the cops or you will loose your friend an much more and that's a true statement because that's how it is in todays life. The book that I was reading is very interesting I really enjoyed it because its like some people everyday life which is very sad but that's just the way some people live. I was able to visualize a few things like for a example young man standing on the corner I see that almost everyday so yea I cold pic it. I would relate to this book as an lage issues this book didn't effect me in anyway but maybe if young teenage book read this book it could make a good input on there life and make them want to change for the ones who live the street life. I think Sincere was a very strong character because he went though a lot in the whole book be work it out and stayed strong got his life together and out of the game he realize that there more to life then that.

I would recommend this book to young teenage boys who's are confused and the ones who live a street life this book can be really touching and help you make better choices in life. If you liked to ready true stores you might like this book because this is so real and you see things that happen in this book in everyday life rather you see it with your eyes or on the news.

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### **Joycelyn Whited says**

#### **Awesome Book**

I read this book when first published and read it again to prepare for the upcoming movie. I can't wait to see the movie.

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### **Tiffany says**

I'VE JUST COMPLETED READING A BOOK CALLED,"TRUE TO THE GAME".WHICH IS ABOUT A WOMEN NAMED GENA WHO HAS HAD A RECENT RELATIONSHIP WERE SHE WAS ABUSED BY A MAN NAMED JAMAL,SO SHE LEFT HIM FOR A MILLIONAIRE NAMED QUADIR WHO HAD IT ALL GOOD LOOKS,MONEY,JEWELS JUST EVERYTHING HE WAS A DREAM MAN A FANTASY.SHE HAD MET HIM AT NIGHT CLUB OUT OF TOWN WITH HER BESTFREIND SAHIRA WHO WAS BRUTALLY MURDERED DURING THE READING WHICH WAS A HEART BREAKING MOMENT. A LIL AFTER HER FRIEND WAS MURDERED WHEN SHE THOUGHT LIFE COULDN'T GET ANY TOUGHER HER 1 IN A MILIION DREAM GUY'S LIFE HAD BEEN TOOKEN NOW SHE DOESNT KNOW WAT TO DO JUST WHEN SHE THOUGHT SHE HAS HAD THE PEPECT LIFE

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### **Abyssinia says**

I liked the book because I think that it showed the consequences of being a drug dealer. It showed that being "true to the game" would leave you dead, or paralyzed.

But I had a problem with all of the grammatical errors that showed up in the book. Also some of the things that the characters would say was a little repetitive.

I also wanted Gena to learn more by the end of the book. I wanted her to learn that she needs to get away from the game. Because it may bring wealth and material things, but in the end it leaves tragedy and despair.

Plus I hate the ongoing theme in urban literature where the guy cheats on his girlfriend all the time, but the author still praises him like he loves the girl anyway. I don't completely doubt Qua's love for Gena. But if the author really wanted me to believe that Q loved Gena beyond any doubt, then he should have been faithful to her.

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### **Amanda says**

This was a good read. Not in my top ten, but it was good...even better after the halfway point. Definitely better than most urban fiction books out now. The end shook me a little, because that wasn't how I pictured it all going down. I will probably read the rest of the series, but I feel like the real star was Quadir, so... Gena was pretty one dimensional while Quadir seemed to have different levels to his character, obviously because of his business and his lifestyle. I would have liked to see what happened after he got out the game. I'd recommend to readers who enjoy street lit.

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### **Shatana Davis says**

This book have you like WOOW!!!!!!Anybody that have not read this book needs to ASAP!!!!

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### **Ty Smith says**

Trash...no plot and I couldn't really connect to any of the characters. They were too ignorant for me. But I was never into the drug game. I don't mind chasing women but these guys were dogging these women and the women were seriously just after money. Boring. Worse was how shallow everyone was. There's more to life than money. You can't take money with you after you're dead. You can't take jewelry with you when you're gone. You can't take any of that material nonsense with you.

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### **Janee says**

I read this book, finally, because I always heard good reviews about it. I honestly do not see why. The main character had no development throughout the book. She seemed to only care about money and how to maintain her lifestyle. The writing was going back and forth from different points of view often jumping around making it read like a school aged story. Maybe If I was eighteen I could appreciate this novel a little more. (It was such a simple read that I was able to finish it in less than 24 hours.)

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### **Oridisi says**

Excellent, this gangsta book made me feel like I was right there in the story while I was reading it.

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### **Ksherrie Theauthoress says**

#### **It felt just like the very first time**

I red this book what now seems like a lifetime ago and it always been in my top 5 list of classics.



With the movie scheduled to come out in a few days, my bookclub decided to read so we can compare and from page one I was sucked completely in all over again.

There were a few things I felt different about this time around such as Gena and Qua's love. Back in the day I thought they were everything together, now with age and wisdom under my belt I found myself feeling more sorry for Gena than anything. True enough Qua took EXCEPTIONAL care of her but can we REALLY say he loved this girl?

All in all it was still an amazing story of love, heartbreak and life being sooo blue. I absolutely can't wait to finish the trilogy AND see the movie. I'm praying that they do it justice but if they don't I won't even be mad because I can always come back to this book that will forever be classically TRUE TO THE GAME

My name is K Sherrie  
And I recommend this read

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### **L W says**

I listened to the trilogy, and overall, I enjoyed all 3 books. Sometimes they were too graphic for me, but they held my attention. The narrator was not very good and I feel his inconsistent, sometimes choppy narration detracted from my enjoyment of the audiobooks. The plot is somewhat predictable, but it's good enough for you to want to keep reading/listening. I'd give it a 3.8.

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### **Valeria Smith says**

It took me awhile to get in to this book but once I did it was really good.

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