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Beautiful River joins a stick-up crew, but she doesn't know that Big Red and Twinkie have a secret that even she's not in on. When she falls in love with Eric, one of her victims, all she wants is to find her baby sister, and settle down with her new love. But River soon becomes a prisoner of her dangerous world. And escaping it may cost her more than her life.

By the time she turns sixteen, Starr is working for a pimp and turning tricks daily. But when an assault by one of her "dates" lands her in the hospital, Starr meets a woman who wants to help her change her life. Starr's heart is too hardened to believe in second chances, but soon she begins to long for more than selling her body just so she can survive. However the game does not give up its players so easily.

Enter Eric's cousin, Yung Slim, fresh out of jail after seven years. He's looking to reclaim the streets and take care of some old grudges. When Yung Slim goes to battle, Eric—torn between his love for River, his ties to his cousin, and the lure of the streets—gets in too deep. When the war breaks out on the battlefield of the streets, who will be left standing?

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Nardsbaby Reader says

One Endless Hustle After Another

River and Starr were forced from their home at an early age thanks to their abusive, drug abusing, sex craved, monstrous mother. Separated and struggling, both River and Starr are out on the streets of New York with only one objective, survival. While they are both out jostling their sex to get cash, they never stop worrying and wondering about the other. Is there a reunion in store for these two sisters?

Eric comes from a family of drug dealing murderers. While Eric capitalizes off of his family's legend, he's still a softer version and is content with his small organization and street rankings. When his cousin, Russell, aka Yung Slim, is released from prison, all hell breaks loose as he immediately steps out to reclaim what he deems as his. When he starts taking percentages out of others operations, New York is quickly transformed into a battlefield where tons of blood will be spilled. Will Eric step up to fill the shoes of his ancestors or will this become a battle between relatives?

"It's Like Candy" unravels a bitter tale of money, power, unfaithfulness, sex, and drugs. This is my first read by author Eric S. Gray. While I found the book to be an easy read, there were minimum errors and in my opinion, the story wrapped up too neatly in the end.

3.5

Carol says

This is my first time reading a novel by Erick S. Gray and once I started reading I could not put it down. I found the title a bit uninteresting and the book was shelved in my library for months before I read it. I was completely blown away by the story and couldn't believe I waited so long to read it. I enjoyed reading how the characters stories intertwined to make the plot explosive. I would definitely read a sequel to this novel if Mr. Gray decides to make one. I am looking forward to reading more novels by Erick S. Gray.

Richelle Robinson says

A good read!! I like the fact that the book was different. The main guy Eric wasn't really into selling drugs and killing people. Even when his cousin Yung Slim wanted him to be down with his crew. Eric chose to go his own way and it shows that you dont have to be killing people to make it on top. There was lot of grimey nasty stuff in the book as well. This book also showed the repercussions of living the fast life and be greedy!!

Fiorelis says

In this book the two main characters are really sisters. They were separated by the mom not knowing how to really take care of them. Conflict is the problem in the story. In this case the probelm is that the two main characters are prostituing themselves to get money. In this book i leanred that i should finished school get my education so i dont end up like they did and if i dont have my mothers help i will try even harder to get a good life.

JazzyRacquel says

♥ It Was O.K. ♥

Shannon says

good believable street lit.

OOSA says

A Thin Line Between Love and Hate

Erick S. Gray has written a compelling novel set in the streets of New York. IT'S LIKE CANDY follows the young lives of two sisters that fled their abusive home. Instead of protecting her children, River and Starr's mother exploited and prostituted them. River left first, and turned to a life of crime stealing. Starr followed suit a few years later only to turn tricks for survival. Neither sister had forgotten of the other, but the years and the life on the streets separated them. Will the sisters ever be reunited or have a chance at a life not filled with pain?

I read BOOTY CALL a few years back, and I was not impressed. It was okay at best. So Erick has remained under my radar until his book was recently voted as a BOTM. If this is how he is getting down now, I may have to check out his other titles. IT'S LIKE CANDY's crisscrossing storylines mesh together for a dramatic, gritty tale. The opening scenes establish an intriguing mood of malice and drama that is sustained throughout the novel. All the characters are surprisingly convincing - including the certifiable Yung Slim. Don't quite know how this book's title comes into play, but IT'S LIKE CANDY is definitely a tale worth reading.

Reviewed by: Toni
4.5 stars
