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*New York Times* bestselling author Mary B. Morrison introduces the seductive, vulnerable Crystal women, a family whose bonds are tested by love, lust, and the elusive quest for true happiness. . .

Blake Crystal is at the top of her game, professionally, financially, and personally. At fifty, she has four wonderful, grown daughters--not to mention a new younger lover who takes her in breathtaking directions--in and out of the bedroom. . .

On the surface, Alexis Crystal is an ideal daughter. Confident and beautiful, she can have any man or woman she wants, so she has both. She doesn't even care that her next conquest is dating a family member. But she's left unsatisfied by one thing: her father is listed as unknown on her birth certificate. Their mother has kept him a secret for twenty-six years, and the same is true for Alexis's three sisters. But Alexis is determined to discover the truth. . .

As the Crystal women celebrate Blake's big birthday, they realize the issues in their relationships are too big to ignore. To get what they want, they'll have to lie, seduce--and if necessary, betray each other. . .

## Book 1 in The Crystal Series

"Mary B.'s quick pacing and penchant for sexy bedroom scenes--her forte--have always kept the pages turning." --*Juicy Magazine*

"If you're looking for some serious drama. . . this will fit the bill nicely." --*RT Book Reviews on If You Don't Know Me*

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## **From Reader Review Baby, You're the Best (The Crystal Series Book 1) for online ebook**

### **Jazzmyn Kennedy says**

I am a huge fan of Mary B Morrison....but this one...not so much sadly. The story jumped a lot and the grammatical errors are not something that I would expect from this author. She is better than this book. The references to Love and Hip Hop ATL (love the show for my weekly dose of ratchetness) was overly done. The storyline itself just didn't do it for me. I mean is it all of a sudden ok to be just swapping partners within the family???? There were too many storylines that started and abruptly ended or at least weren't finished so hopefully they will be in the next installments. It was all just too much...but honestly might have worked if there was some kind of flow to the story. Instead I was left confused as to who's storyline I was reading about now. Cliffhanger at the end was probably the best part and will be the ONLY reason I read another in this series.

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### **FreeFormLady says**

Also check out my thoughts in this BookTube video: <https://youtu.be/wSpSqwGVOII>

My reading preferences have matured a lot since I first started reading Mary B. Morrison's books. She is still one of the best in African American Adult literature. It's just that I want something deeper. I keep these types of books around for times when I have read a lot of heavy stuff and just need to unwind with some good ol' fashion drama.

While reading this book I kept thinking there is no way grown women are this ignorant!

This is the 1st in the Crystal Series. This book follows Blake Crystal and her four daughters (Devereaux, Mercedes, Alexis, & Sandra). They all have MAJOR issues, but this book mainly focuses in on Blake & Alexis. As this is book 1, I am sure we will get to know all of the daughters eventually.

I will always be in love with Morrison's Soulmates Dissipate! I will probably continue to follow this series. Every now and then it is fun to have a mindless read, full of drama & sex.

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### **Shannon Ward says**

All I can say is "WOW"! I read this book in one day. Drama, Drama, Drama. But oh so good. I can't wait for the second book in the series. In the words of Brandon, "I died twice and came back."

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### **Natasha says**

This book went from not grabbing me, to having my full attention and back again. I don't know what it was but some parts just fell flat to me but the ending was pretty good, a little abrupt cliff hanging moment but it

did leave me wanting to hear what's next. I did listen to this book so take my review with a grain of salt, so to speak. I'll still continue to read Ms. Morrison's work. If you enjoy messy family drama then you may enjoy this story.

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### **JaVone Bentley says**

**Baby, You're the Best** The plot would have been a good one, however, there were too many distractions and subplots that take away from the main plot which deals primarily with mommy and daddy issues (translation: promiscuity and reckless behavior blamed on the opposite sex). There were several side stories that were also lacking development and seemed out of place as they were not integral to the overall novel. For example, Blake's old boyfriend resurfaced and he had something to tell her. Flash forward and her daughter, Sandara, pretended that he's the father of her children to scare her sisters and then that's the end of that story. It added nothing and it was another pointless distraction. The explicit sex scenes did not add anything to the novel, either as the main plot could have been developed without them. There were pages of sexual encounters that ultimately lead to nowhere. Frankly, I was glad when it was over.

The only reason that I kept reading this book is because I wanted to know who Alexis's dad was. I made no connection to the characters as they were so cliché. Here's a description of the sexy, gun toting, feisty, bi sexual Atlantian, Alexis: "I was eye candy. Five – five, a size six, had hazel eyes that sometimes turned green. [...] long, thick, wavy, black, natural hair, full lips, and dark, radiant complexion."

I also felt that the author did a lot of telling and not enough showing, when it came to larger issues. "My father, whoever the f\*\*k he was, was the first male disappointment in my life. [...] Before I had a first boyfriend, my heart was already shattered into pieces by my dad. [...] My way of coping with my daddy issues was to not allow any man to penetrate my heart or disrespect me." This issue was constantly brought up and became rather repetitive and redundant. Although this novel skimmed a lot of issues (molestation, promiscuity), their purpose in the novel was stagnant and underdeveloped.

Overall, I really wanted to like this book but I just couldn't get past the stock characters and distractions in the plot and dialogue. I would like to see the author move beyond the explicit sex scenes and cookie cutter dialogue in order to engage the reader. She touched on several sensitive issues that could have been explored more realistically and more in depth.

Thank you NetGalley and Kensington for the opportunity to review this book.

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### **Winter Sophia Rose says**

Hot, Intriguing, Heartfelt, Surprises & Unexpected Twists! An Exciting Read! I Loved It!

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### **Phyllis says**

Mary B. Morrison has done it again!!! **Baby, You're the Best** starts off with a bang and keeps it coming. The author introduces Blake, Spencer, Alexis and more supporting characters. Blake is celebrating her 50th birthday and she has so much going for herself. Her daughter Alexis is something else and that's putting it lightly.. This book has several hottttt sex scenes. .This story is the start to a new series and got this reader hooked and ready for the next book. Definitely recommend this to others.

\*received copy from publisher on Netgalley.com

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## **Rise says**

This damn book was slow in the beginning for me. Really had a hard time trying to concentrate. This is the most craziest damn book I have read with so much going on at a time. Mother with 4 daughter who all have daddy and husband issues as well as their 50 yr old mother still trying to be young and wanting to sleep with a younger man. If any of them is looking for love they could not find it at the rate any of them were going. And the baby of them all Alexis was straight up ruthless. She did not care who she hurt or who got hurt and that even included her own mother. Hell if I was looking for love from a man now I don't even want it. If I had to go at things the way these ladies were I'd rather be by my damn self. That ending done got me wondering what will happen now since Alexis meets her father as well as Spencer's father.

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## **Yolanda Knight- Palmer says**

This was one of the best books I've read this year, The Crystals are a Mess!! This book will leave you literally with your mouth wide open shaking your head, I didn't want it to end. Great Read.

Blake Crystal just turned fifty and she is embracing life in a new light.

Alexis Crystal is single and ready to mingle with anyone that has a pulse, long as you do what she wants.

Devereaux Crystal is in a relationship with her long time boyfriend, she wants more but is settling.

Mercedes Crystal is responsible and married with a daughter.

Sandara Crystal is a single mother with four kids by four different men.

This book has drama on every page, a must read!!

I recommend this book to everyone that loves a good read.

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## **Billy-jean says**

I really loved reading the book. It had it up and down with mother and daughter relationship. While reading this book the mother is like a typical woman that needs to be loved by a man. While her daughter is bi-sexual and do not want to admit it. Also the daughter is looking for love and acceptance from both of her lovers; due to the lack of not knowing her father. I really cannot wait for the 2nd book. The end of the book was a real cliff hanger. I cannot wait to see what happen to mother & daughter, lovers. I definitely would recommend this book.

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## **African Americans on the Move Book Club says**

Baby You're the Best by Mary B. Morrison is indeed the best romance novel readers will read. Mary B. Morrison is a best-selling author and once reading this highly amusing and addictive novel written by her, readers will have no doubts of her magic ability as a writer. Her book features love, insecurities, and lies all within one family of five women. A mother and her four daughters will go head to head battling each other for things they want and need. One intriguing drama after the other.

Baby You're the Best is a tale of a going to be fifty year old woman who is bedding a younger man to pleasure her in bed. She has everything in life and is successful, plus she has four beautiful daughters. Then there's one of her daughters who has fallen into the same path as her mom, with multiple bed partners of which none so far have been successful in pleasuring her in bed. So, Alexis Crystal goes after her mother's bed partner. Alexis doesn't care. But what she does care is that one her birth certificate and on each of her other three sisters the father is unlisted. This really bothers Alexis. What child doesn't want to at least know who her father is? This is one romance story that readers won't want to miss! Brilliantly put together by a master. I highly recommend this novel to readers everywhere. Overall, I rate this book a five out of five stars.

Danielle Urban  
AAMBC Reviewer

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## **Maya B says**

2.5/3 stars.....This was my least favorite read by this author. the characters were predictable. The only surprise was at the very end. the author had multiple storylines going which made me confused because there was never a true plot to the story.

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## **Yellagirlgc says**

I received a copy of this book from the publisher Kensington Books for an honest review.

Blake Crystal has 4 daughters, just turned 50 years old, has her finances together, was ending one relationship and started a new one with a younger man. Her relationship with her married ex Fortune was boring, financially draining & she was ready to put him behind her. While meeting her daughter's for food & drinks she meets Spencer a sexy but younger bartender. Though her daughter Alexis already has a boyfriend and a girlfriend she thinks Spencer is sexy as well & decides that he's too young for her mother but the perfect age for herself. She openly flirts with him.

The relationships Blake juggle through the book within her personal and private life keep you turning the pages! Her daughters each have issues separate from each other & together as family issues.

I'm wondering where the next book will pickup from & what drama it will include. Mary Morrison did a great job including me in the Crystal families life.

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## **Deedee Henson says**

This was a wild, crazy and confused family

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## **Lulu says**

Whew!!!! So this is some "50 Shades of Grey" has "Flowers in the Attic" for "The Young and the Restless" type stuff!!! WOW!!!! Talk about six degrees of separation!!! This is the type of drama you avoid at all cost in life, but secretly crave, so you read about it! LOL I had several "This is too much" "I can't" moments while reading. The plot!! The twist!!! Just WOW!!!!

The characters and situations are all very realistic, although you really don't want to believe that situations like are this are possible. I love the contrast of characteristics between Blake and Alexis, although mother and daughter, they are complete opposites when it comes to love...or are they?

I'm not really big on Contemporary Urban Fiction, but Mary B. Morrison did her thing with this one! This is definitely a series I will be keeping up with.

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