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Lamin Michaels learned at his mother's knee the importance of chasing paper, so it's no surprise he gets into the drug game when he's just a teenager. When he meets Zion, a product of the New York City foster care and prison system, Lamin knows that he has met the perfect partner in crime. Together, they build a huge narcotics empire.

Then, Lamin falls hard for a beautiful girl named Lucky. Lucky makes Lamin realize that there is more to life than cash and more cash. When Lamin goes legit with a career in the entertainment industry, Zion tries to keep their business going on both the street and the boardroom. It's not long before Zion becomes the target of a corruption scandal involving murder, extortion and money laundering. Once the dirt is exposed, will Lamin and Zion be able to remain one step ahead, or will their paper chasing days haunt them forever?

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Stephanie Rodriguez says

This book was absolutely amazing. To be honest I don't like reading and when I read this book I could not stop. I told all my friends to read it and most of them did and they loved it too. This is by far my favorite book, it even made me cry.

Christy Johnson says

This book had a lot of ups and downs, i enjoyed it just because of all the drama that came along with it and the lessons that it teaches you i guess, all in all i enjoyed. I have nothing negative to say about the book EXCEPT that the two people i wanted to be together in the end of the book didn't get together which was sad, but all books can't have a 100% happy ending just like in life you don't always have a 100% happy ending. I would recommend this book to anyone looking for a book with lots of twists and turns and drama in it!!

Amanda Sickels says

I really enjoyed this book. I think back to the character development of each character, and I have to say that Tracy Brown has a really good grasp of what makes a person. Each character had their unique voice, and there wasn't a point of view that I felt like skipping.

I like that the ending was bitter sweet. I wanted a fairy tale ending, but I was much more satisfied with how real the ending was as it played out.

I'm not gonna take stars away from the author and the actor who both did excellent jobs, but the production company has got to reconsider the random sound effects in this audiobook. I listen to audiobooks on my long commute, and on more than one occasion there were car honks in the book that I really thought were going on outside of me. The sound effects added very little to a great production, and I would say that I'll be hesitant to listen to another book by this production company.

Otherwise, this book was really good. I cried more than once listening to it because the character's struggles really reached in and grabbed me. I rooted for these characters the whole way through.

Tineka Hardwick says

Absolutely loved this book. I cried, I laughed and I was in complete suspense throughout this book. I felt like I was there watching as I turned each page. Fell in love with most of the characters and would love to have a second book to update on all of the characters.

Vanessa Botelho says

I really enjoyed the friendship triangle between Lamin, Zion and Curtis. I loved that we got a little insight into everyone's lives (little background info always helps understand characters better) This story is about a few guys 1 who's mom kicks him out for beating a guy who beat her and had to find his own way up in the streets he then meets Zion who helps him come up in the streets and who becomes his best friend while his cousin Curtis is in Jail. Curtis has a lot of jealousy which is ultimately the death of him. I never saw both cousins pulling out guns on each other. This was a good read!

Koraima says

I want to start off by telling you guys I don't like reading but When I read this book I couldn't stop. I would read it while my teachers were teaching which isn't good but that's how hooked I was on it. If you are interested in heart break, romance, and thriller.

JASMIN SANCHEZ says

The book "Criminal Minded" was about Lamin Michaels trying to get out of poverty. His only way to get out was to hustle and sell drugs with his best friend Zion. As soon as he falls in love with a girl he meets named lucky, they settle down and he tries to leave his dangerous life behind. He becomes a video director, but it doesn't come out good in the end.

Eva Leger says

I think Tracy Brown has the potential to write a The Coldest Winter Ever sometime during her career. I don't say that lightly either.

Criminal Minded shot back and forth between some friends and family members and it evoked emotions from me that hadn't shown themselves since TCWE. I fell right into the book and didn't want it to end.

Far too much goes on in this book for me to even give a recap here but Lamin is the main character with a decent number of supporting characters. They're all formed great and you feel what each one feels.

The ending really got to me, that's where the emotions started pouring out for me. I did feel the end was a bit rushed or maybe could have been written a little better but it took nothing from the book for me.

Black Carrie says

Read this book on my way to Disneyland it had it's slow moments x fast moments x dull moments x and repetitive moments. Good read though in the urban world TB is really slept on. She's on my radar though . I loved this story it's important to be mindful of what you ask for and when you get it don't loose it. Everything was predictable imo , still worth reading, Olivia was the only character that did not develop right mentally in the book. Her ASS was dumb but stayed having someone to come to her rescue wether they were family or not... Lamin got too arrogant for me , Zion was a dumb , rich hothead , and a hoe. Curtis damn man what a

waste smh... I liked Lucky and how she choose not to go backwards she was genuiley my fave.
If the book was a movie I would like to see these actors/ actresses bring the characters to life
Lamin- Cory Hardrick (Tia mowry husband)
Zion- Dre (from power)
Lucky- Ming lee Simmons
Olivia- Saweetie
Dream - Jasmine tookes
Curtis - Hakeem (from empire)
Lamin mom - Nia Long
Wally - Master P (lol)
Doug- Ludacris
Papa- Ving Rhames
Olivia ex Donovan- Terrance Howard
Overall good book if there's comes a sequel good if not still a good read to pass some time up

Monique says

Just finished this quick read after ferociously reading it on the train, and during every commercial break and when I had time..It was thoroughly entertaining I really wanted to know what was going to happen..This is the story of Lamin, a guy with some flaws trying to do the right thing when his best friend and close cousin is sent to prison, his mom bugs out and he is thrust into a life in the streets, hustling-drug dealing-sex-guns all that, Brown really fleshes his life out and you get to understand him and some of the motives behind his foolish choices which ultimately are to prove himself to his mother who abandoned him and his younger sister Olivia who he always tried to protect..Lamin is the main character but probably not my favorite, as I found myself crushing on Zion, the pretty boy thug who became Lamin's best friend and partner in crime on the streets..Living the fast life was fun and exciting for the two until Lamin meets a beautiful girl named Lucky who makes him realize there is more to life than what the streets offer him so he decides to go legit and puts his drug money in a production studio, he and Lucky make a home together, his cousin Curtis is released from prison and secretly Zion and Olivia are hiding a secret love from Lamin's big brother protective shell. The story continues and betrayal, loss, and love are all explored vividly and expressively. I thought the story was well written and surprisingly I also enjoyed the two poems intertwined in the book to make poignant and relevant additions to the story of Staten Island, New York, concrete jungle and city of dreamers and talent unrealized..I adored how strong she made Lucky, how loveably silly, passionate and down to earth she made Olivia and even the swagger and evil cool of Dream, Brown's female characters were great and I definitely want to read more of her work..

Varrsity says

I'm about to keep it real. If a book can keep my interest, it's a classic in my opinion. Trust me, I've thrown my share of books across the room in frustration.

Ismael Medel says

It was a really good book. Keeps you in suspense

Alicia says

Lamin and his sister Olivia want to move up in the world. Constantly watching their mother skim money from the government and see men in and out of her bedroom make them want a better life and Lamin is destined to get it. Dealing small time on the streets, he hooks up with Zion, who is as money-hungry and power-hungry as he is. In the usual way, Zion wants to make Olivia his woman and Lamin has Lucky. The downward and dangerous spiral begins when Lamin is shot in the club. Retribution begins, then the tit for tat, the big time drugs and power struggles that leave a few more dead in the wake.

Surprisingly, I enjoyed the characters and didn't blow through it like I usually would for urban stories. I thoroughly enjoyed Lamin as a character, even when he's facing down his cousin with a gun.

Jacqueline says

This book took me on a journey how I use to see the streets.
I loved Zion and his love story with his best friend sister.
I liked the fact that each person in this book had a story about there life put in.
I was at a lost for pages as the book ended...

Bayron Dorantes says

The book "Criminal Minded" is really good book that takes the reader on a journey of the street life. This book kept me really entertain and had me questioning. I like how the book takes readers into different character perspective and how they tell the story. I recommend this book to anyone looking to read some action.
