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In her most stunning, riveting, unstoppable novel yet, bestselling and critically acclaimed author, Tracy Brown delivers the not-to-be-missed sequel to WHITE LINES

On the surface, it appears that Sunny has got it all--looks, money, a beautiful home, a healthy daughter, and friends who love her. But Sunny has a secret--something she hasn't even told her best friend. The truth is Sunny is unhappy. She still misses her beloved Dorian, and worries that no other man will ever captivate her the way he did. She dated some very powerful and successful men since Dorian's death. But will she ever find love again?

It's not long before Sunny is chasing those white lines again. And, when the truth finally explodes, will Sunny be able to put her life back together again?

## **Sunny Details**

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### Jameya says

Was holding off on reviewing this until my boyfriend got a chance to read it, and he just finished yesterday, sooooo.....

Basically, I thought the book was okay overall. Definitely nowhere NEAR as great as the first, but then, that was to be expected. That first book set the bar very, very, VERY high...I just knew the second wouldn't be able to compete, and when I found out this one would be focusing more on Sunny, I figured that even more so, and after reading the book, that sure enough seemed to be the case.

First off, the book was pretty slow overall to me. Most of it I thought was kinda slow, with maybe the last third or so of the book being the most interesting and quicker-paced, in my opinion. I think that's another thing, though, that the first book set my expectation high on: the pace. With the first one, it seemed like there was ALWAYS a bunch of different things going on constantly -- a bunch of very different new things going on constantly -- and the storylines just seemed to move very quickly and were exTREMELY engaging the whole way through, very easily making the book a page-turner. This one, however, wasn't a page-turner for me. I wasn't too thrilled to continue reading every time I returned to the book.

Without getting into too much detail, I for the most part liked what was done with the Sheldon character, I liked Jada's and Born's storyline although I wasn't as crazy about Jada in this book, I thought Sunny's storyline was ok (as I figured it'd be before I even began reading), and the introduction to Malcolm was pretty straight, although I'd gotten a lil' tired of them after a while. I've read a few different reviews that have mentioned that some of the characters in this book are from some of Tracy Brown's other books - folks like Olivia, Zion, and some other people. That makes a lot more sense, and I think if I'd read some of her other books (I did read half of one other one -- Twisted -- but I can't remember the character names), I'd probably have a much greater appreciation for her incorporating these already well-established characters into this series.

We get some more insight into Dorian and Sunny's relationship and how they started, which was really cool -- I really liked that. I also loved Mercedes' and Sheldon's relationship and Mercedes' feistiness and realness like her mother. Lastly, I noticed how almost all of the kids (I think except for DJ) -- Mercedes, Sheldon, Ethan, Adiva, Chance, etc. -- are around the same age, and I couldn't help but wonder if this is because Tracy's laying down the foundation for stories/books in the future involving that generation. Seems quite probable!

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Anywho, on a final and separate note...so, if White Lines 1 & 2 are ever converted into movie form, here is my suggested (strongly urged) cast:

**Sunny - LisaRaye** ...all day every day - that is LisaRaye! Although I know she doesn't have the greatest acting abilities, she isn't a NYer and she's quite a bit older than especially Sunny in the first one..but I honestly can't imagine anyone else in this role...honestly.

**Jada - Jada Pinkett** . I think there could probably be someone else who could also fit this role, but this is the main person who's come to mind since I started the first book. Like LisaRaye, though, she also kinda has age

against her when it comes to this role. But that aside, I think she could do it! OH, I just had a revelation!! **EVA PIGFORD!** Yes, I think that's my new Jada - she'd be great.

Ava - Definitely **Lauren London**. By the way Ava is described, the way she seems to carry herself, and so on, I can't really imagine anyone else in this role. I'm not as married to Lauren as Ava as I am LisaRaye as Sunny, but I think she'd really be a good fit for it.

Born - I don't know why, but it's been REALLY hard, even from the first book, for me to think of someone who could play Born. I've mostly thought of Omar Epps, but I honestly don't think he's quite right. Nor Mekhi Phifer. The actor would have to be a cross between Omar and Mekhi honestly. Jury's still out on who'd be able to play Born. Honestly, the closest match I can think of might be **Darrin Dewitt Henson** ("Lem" on the *Soul Food* series)..although he seems like he's a lil' on the short side, and I've always imagined Born as someone with a very "big" presence, including his height.

Dorian - I've long thought that **Samuel L. Jackson** might be a good fit, but one person my boyfriend mentioned that I think might be even BETTER is **Billy Dee Williams** ...but of course, Billy Dee is much older than this role would need, so...in terms of age, don't think it'd work. But as for man to man, I could see Billy Dee doing Dorian. I've also thought of **Blair Underwood**, although I also see Blair as Malcolm, and that brings me to...

Malcolm - While reading the book, I always imagined **Lamman Rucker** as Malcolm. But as previously mentioned, I think **Blair Underwood** would also be a good fit. Oh, and the actor who actually plays a role of the same name ("Malcolm") on the BET show *Single Ladies* -- **D.B. Woodside** -- I can also see in this role. And in fact, on Single Ladies, that "Malcolm" is in a relationship with "Keisha", the character played by LisaRaye, so that'd work out perfectly!

Olivia - **Vivica Fox** or **Holly Robinson-Peete**. Hehe..

Zion - I think this role could be played by **Mekhi Phifer**.

Born's dad - another, maybe even stronger possibility for **Samuel L. Jackson**, I believe.

Miss Ingrid - **Adrienne-Joi Johnson**, the lady who played Jody's mother in *Baby Boy*. This is the main person I've thought of in this role, but there are certain things about Miss Ingrid that make me think she might be a bit older. Nevertheless, A.J. Johnson's the only one who comes to mind so far!

Anywho, I think that's it for now.

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### **Alicia says**

White Lines II begins a few years after the first one left off. I admits that I had to go back and skim WL, because it had been so long ( 5 years!) since I read the original but in the sequel, Sunny is enjoying life a wife and mother but yet still grieving the loss of her beloved Dorian. She's come a long way since giving up her addiction a few years ago and aided by 2 stints in rehab is doing good. Except she sometimes misses her old life- the parties, the glitz and glamour and on a trip for her latest business venture, she finds what she has been missing both in her love life and in her "secret". As she struggles to maintain both, she ends up risking everything.

While the book mainly focuses on Sunny, we are also reintroduced to Jada ( my favorite character) who is trying to re-kindle her relationship with Born despite their past and raise her son Sheldon who is fighting his own set of demons. There are some other minor characters- Jada's sister Ava, Olivia and Zion, whom I gather are from her other books. As Sunny fight her growing dependence on her old friend, Jada struggles with her own demons regarding her child, his father and her actions while pregnant.

I realize this book was about Sunny and while I enjoyed her perspective, I have to say that I found Jada's storyline much more interesting and almost wish this was focused just on her.

This book ends in the ultimate cliffhanger and after seeing that this was just recently published, I hope we don't have to wait too long for the sequel because I am dying to know what happens next.

This book was as gritty or as real to me as WLI ones, there was lots of references to designer clothing and cars that I don't remember from the first one but that seems to be a staple in Urban fiction which I honestly find annoying to describe every outfit complete with what designers- Chanel dress, Louboutioun shoes). Aside from ( Which I guess is part of this genre), that I enjoyed this book almost as much as the original but it seemed lacking in character development in some areas- for instance- Ava just seemed to be thrown in there for good measure at times- there wasn't much character development going on there.

Overall, I enjoyed this book. It doesn't live up to White Lines in my book, buts its solid on its own and I definitely wasn't disappointed.

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### **Candace Denmark says**

White lines 2 was pretty good. nothing to recommend but still a good read. Jada can't get a break to save her life and just be happy. Ava beauty, brains, and successful career but no man. Sunny so caught up on the line light she is only happy when high. born struggling to love kada with her deranged ass son. so many twist and turns just too predictable for me. that sin shoulda been seeing a shrink.

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### **Kim says**

I was happy this book wasn't entirely Sunny's story because I really wanted to know what went down with Jada and Born after the storm. These two are my favorite, and as usual they have quite a bit of obstacles to overcome. It'll be interesting to read how their saga ends. Ava really surprised me in this book. Her actions have been a bit loopy, and I am wondering where her storyline will go. Sunny was off the chain as usual. This woman is a hot mess. You'd think now that she is in her 40s she would calm down but that just wasn't the case. She is definitely wild as ever. I thought Malcolm would tame her, but I really thought wrong. I am dissapointed that this one just ended so abruptly. There is absolutely no closure. What happens with Jada, Born, and Sheldon? Sunny and Malcolm are in a real mess, Ava is also a mess, and what is going on with Olivia. I'm hoping there is part 3 to this story and it comes sooner than 5yrs because a lot of questions are left unanswered.

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### **Jenny says**

I read the original White Lines years ago and loved it. Then I found out, a few years later, there was a sequel about Sunny, one of the prominent characters. I wasn't really interested in reading about Sunny so I slept on the book for a while. Then I decided to pick it up, while off work this past week. I gotta say, while the book was interesting and I did appreciate them giving more attention to Jada and Born's relationship, this book left me a little confused. A lot of characters I wasn't familiar with were added and I believe these are characters that were built on in another series by this author called Snapped. I haven't read that one so I was a little lost when they were talking about some of the people. I know there were some appearances of some of them in the original White Lines book, but not so much that I'd be able to follow much of the story dealing with them exclusively. At any rate, mostly the book was based on Sunny's struggles to find a peaceful life with her daughter, Mercedes and without the love of her life, Dorian. She gets into modeling and makes a name for herself and also meets a man and attempts to live the life of a square. Naturally, this doesn't last long and Sunny finds that the boredom is a bit too much so she allows herself to slip back into some old nasty habits. From there, things start to fall apart. I will say that it's probably best to ready both White Lines and Snapped before reading his book to have a clear picture of the entire world Tracy Brown has built here. All in all, a good read, indeed.

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### **Angela Smoots says**

I have to say I love Tracy Brown and all her other books but, I have to say this book disappointed me.

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### **Desiree Watson says**

Sunny is on her way to stardom, modeling, a movie in the making, her daughter is doing well, everything is looking up. She goes on vacation with Malcolm to Acapulco, and everything gets turned upside down. Sunny just can't stay away from those white lines. When Malcolm follows her to the seedy side of town, and catches her in a bar, she can't explain what she's doing there.

They get picked up by a man who they believe to be a cabdriver, but he hopes to rob them. Sunny takes control of the situation and things turn around for the worse. Just as they get to the airport and think they have made it home free, they are detained. How will Sunny turn things around this time and get her life back on track? Re-read this: November 2015

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### **Hilary says**

I loved White Lines, however, I just couldn't get down with Sunny's story.

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### **Tiffany Mack says**

Once you started reading you couldn't put it down. Only reason it took me three days because I have been

extremely busy but trust me every chance I got I picked it up. I love Tracy Brown's books. She is an amazing author. Read this series of books. I promise she won't disappoint.

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### **Prescylla Veronica says**

THIS BOOK UPSET ME. But in a good way. LIKE. NO. Tracy don't you EVER. EVER, do that to me again. Tracy knows what I'm talking about. Tracy is the author of the book, for those of you who are like "who's Tracy?". Okay so I will try to keep this short, but I don't think it will end like that. White Lines 2, is basically the continuation of the first book White Lines, but it focuses on the character Sunny. If you follow my reviews you already know I made a turnt review for White Lines, so check that out, to further understand this review. Otherwise, you can slightly enjoy. Okay the book is simply about the lives of Sunny, Jada, Born, Olivia, Ava, Zion, and etc characters and how they're living. I will start with my thoughts on Sunny because she is the main character, sort of. So, I still hate Sunny, she pissed me off in the first book and she continued to piss me off in the second book. Now, Sunny has her life together, she lives with her daughter, has a modeling/novelist career, she's a socialite, she has a house keeper/nanny. Clearly Sunny is getting PAID. But, yet through all this success she still manages to be super irrelevant. Sunny falls in love with two different things. I don't think I need to reiterate what one of the things are considering the title. WHITE LINES. Think about it. It took me some time too, so don't worry if you're slow. Sunny's other love was Malcom. Malcom was this really FINESWEETHOTDAMN black guy, who wasn't from the hood and has a good job. Lawyer. But, because Sunny is Sunny she acts all defensive, and ratchet that she is therefore, messes all that up, but not entirely. Ou, her child, Mercedes, seems real cute, but a little annoying but I can tolerate her. Jada, Jada was my girrrrrl. From the start I always loved Jada she went through some real nigga hood ish but honestly she always pulled through. HERANDBORN'SLOVELIVESONFOREVAAA. So basically Jada, is doing really great in this book. She has a nice place, good job. Pause for sec. I actually don't know what her job is besides writing that book with Sunny. Oh well, maybe I didn't pay attention to detail. ANY WHO. Jada is doing great but, like always when you think your life is a its greatest point something always comes to mess it up. Jada has to start dealing with her very evil child. That situation continues until the end of the book and LAWD, it gets bad. Born. He just made me fall inlove with him even more likeeee. I love Born. Olivia was annoying, but she meant well at times. But she seemed bitter. Like ugly bitter. And aint nobody wanna be around that. These books always bring out the ghetto fabulousness in me. Zion. HMPH! Zooooooooonnnnnn, he's a little sneaky sneaky. That is all I'm saying before I reveal it all. Ava, I FEEL SO BAD FOR HER. She is like the bestest person and deserves everything but, it never comes to her. She's like the pretty version of the ugly duckling. Wait that doesn't make sense. Actually it does, this a PRESSILLEST review. Overall the book was da bomb dot come loved it. The PLOT TWIST AND ENDING. Oh man, I can't even deal. Tracy Brown you da bestest love you, BUT you cant do that to me. I'm so glad she's continuing the story because if she didn't it would be a scrap. I have no poetic phrase to ends this review. So until the next one toodaloo. Yall know I had too. Can't help it. XOXOXO.

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### **Punkin says**

Wasnt impressed at all..this book seemed to drag on and on..the ending was typical..and it left you hanging abt zion and ava and born and jada..Sunnys story was boring

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### **Anika says**

As the sequel to White Lines, which is an amazing book, I had high expectations for this novel and was a tad bit disappointed after reading it. This book focuses more on the life of Sunny Cruz and less on her best friend Jada Ford. Ever since I read White Lines, I've always been interested in the mystery of Sunny's life, specifically her relationship with Dorian and was excited when I began reading the sequel. White Lines leaves off with Sunny still grieving the death of Dorian and having to raise her daughter, Mercedes, by herself.

White Lines II starts off the same way, but takes place several years after Dorian's death. By this time, Jada has already reconciled with her old lover, Born, and the two of them live together with Jada's son, Sheldon. Furthermore, Sunny and Jada are well known for the book they wrote together about their experiences in the New York drug scene, from being crack addicts to being proud parents. All seems well in both Jada and Sunny's lives, but things begin to take a turn for the worse. With Jada, it is coping with her son's behavior, and as for Sunny, it is dealing with Dorian's death as well as her recurring addiction to crack cocaine and falling in love again.

Although Tracy Brown had a great plot line for Sunny, I wish she still went into more detail with Sunny's life. There were quick stories about Sunny's past and how she met Dorian, but there were not enough to make the book be focused on her life. It also felt like this book was somewhat more focused on Jada's life because of the situation with Sheldon, and Born. Overall, it was a good read.

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### **Kimberly Stone says**

Good read, I want to know what's going to happen between Jada and Born.

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### **Carla says**

"White Lines 2: Sunny" by Tracy Brown has been a long time coming. When I first read "White Lines", I was immediately drawn to the characters. They had such raw emotions. I loved the chemistry shared between Born and Jada. I was rooting for them to succeed in both their relationship as well as their personal endeavors. Fast forward nearly four and a half years later and the characters I grew to love have changed. When I first heard that "White Lines 2" was going to focus around Sunny, I was thrilled. I love when a sequel can focus on the other characters in a book. Instead, I was disappointed.

"White Lines 2" picks up years after the events of part one. The characters are pushing into their forties and all have families now. The story focuses on Sunny, who is still dealing with the death of her beloved Dorian, begins to chase those lines again. Jada is a shell of her former self. Instead of the driven, fighter she was in part one, she is weak and carries the weight of the world on her shoulders in every scene about her. Born.... was nothing like his former self. There was nothing that made me feel attached to these characters. I did enjoy the Sheldon storyline however. I also enjoyed characters from "Criminal Minded" being included. I hope part 3 brings everything together. 3 stars

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**Latonya says**

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I already pre-ordered this book. I hope its as good as, or better then the first White Lines.

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