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**THE AWARD-WINNING AUTHORS OF CASANEGRA AND IN THE NIGHT OF THE HEAT**

**TEAM UP FOR A THIRD TIME TO PRESENT *FROM CAPE TOWN WITH LOVE*, A TENNYSON**

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## From Cape Town with Love Details

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# **From Reader Review From Cape Town with Love for online ebook**

## **Toni says**

This is the third book by this powerhouse trio in the Tennyson Hardwick mystery series. Tennyson is an actor who doesn't wait tables between jobs. The former male escort and police academy dropout instead fills his time with martial arts training and bodyguard jobs. Of course that sort of resume will lead you on the path to solve a mystery or two.

After the explosive events of the last book, *In the Night of the Heat*, Tennyson takes some much needed downtime in South Africa and hopes to reconnect with someone close to him. While there, he is offered a job as a bodyguard to an American actress who is in the country to adopt a child. Later, when everyone returns to the States, she asks Tennyson to work a birthday party for the newly adopted little girl. When the child is kidnapped from the party, feeling guilty, Tennyson makes it his personal mission to get her back.

This is the best in the series by far! Author Steven Barnes is a martial arts master and his expertise is on full display here. It was refreshing to learn about fighting practices from all over the continent of Africa. The inclusion of the thriving African community of Los Angeles - it's nightlife, markets, and restaurants - was also a breath of fresh air. A perfect, steamy, summer thriller!

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## **Wilhelmina Jenkins says**

I have read all three of the Tennyson Hardwick books written by Blair Underwood, Steven Barnes, and Tananarive Due, and I have enjoyed all three. I have to include my usual caveat, however - these books contain very steamy sex scenes. Sex between consenting adults, absolutely, but if you prefer books without sex, this is not for you. That being said, this was a great read - an intriguing plot, with lots of excitement, suspense, and interesting twists. I couldn't put it down. I was a little unhappy by where Tennyson stood at the end of the book, but I'm ready to read the next one when it comes out to see what happens to him next!

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## **Brownstone Book Club says**

I must say that I loved, loved and loved *From Cape Town with Love*! It was entertaining from start to finish, although I must admit to starting with the third book, not with the first two. I've become a huge fan of these three authors and I'm looking forward to reading more from them. The story line was mysterious with just the right twist (suspense) at the end. Yes that was quite a surprise, wasn't expecting that!

I'm just one member from our book club but from our discussion on the book, it was well received. Another nice surprise was the videos in the electronic version. We, with the exception of one, envisioned Blair Underwood as "our" leading man. Also noted from our discussion was the wonderful description of Cape Town, the culture and the hot love scenes.

We would definitely recommend this book, or rather the electronic version (with mini videos), for reading or adding to your collection.

We look forward to reading more books from Underwood, Due and Barnes. Tennyson captured our hearts as

a man on a mission while maintaining a certain level of mystery. Tennyson takes us, the readers, on a roller coaster ride of emotions in his quest to save Nandi. The question remains, what lengths will a man go to for a woman's worth?

~ Traci

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### **Candy says**

Yes, that is Blair Underwood on the cover of that novel. I love me some Blair Underwood! I noticed he was on a talk show recently so I set up to watch it, and he was promoting a couple of things, including this novel. From Cape Town With Love is a detective novel with an actor turned sleuth and it is the third in a series. They are written by a husband and wife which also got me interested. I love crime novels and potboilers and when I saw this at the library the other day- right after I saw it promoted on a morning talk show-zowie! I really liked it. First it is fascinating on a publishing angle...yes, the husband and wife authors...and it is also set up with multi-media. The novel has produced a hook up with a "Vook" which is video movie excerpts from the novel...yep...starring Blair Underwood. Possibly with a feature length movie to follow. As soon as I began the novel I was totally surprised to see a "suggested mp3 playlist". How cool is that? With all kinds of music from Dr. Dre, to Nine Inch Nails, to Rolling Stones, The O'Jays, to Alicia Keys to Marvin Gaye. Wonderful idea! What a hoot. but listen...I still want to know...is it a good book? Yes it is. Action, sex, good and evil, exotic locations, death, love betrayal and action and adventure. Oh did I mention the sex. And what sex it is. Holy cow! I just really enjoyed this novel and can't wait to read the previous novels and get me some more private eye action.

When I had the book at the loan desk...the librarian checking out my books saw this one...and said "Oooh, is that Blair Underwood...ummmm, I must get this..."

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### **Kimberly Hicks says**

As usual, Tennyson Hardwick never disappoints. This was another roller coaster mystery. When Ten takes on being the bodyguard of movie starlet, Sofia Maitlin, needless to say, all hell breaks loose.

The characters you first met in Casanegra have grown into full-blown important people in Ten's life, and he needs those family members more in this book than he did in the first two. I'm too excited to see what the fourth one yields.

The story starts off in South Africa, where at first thought, Ten went to smooth over a broken relationship. While visiting, he's told about a very simple assignment of offering his bodyguard services to Ms. Maitlin. After he's finished up in South Africa, he happily returns to the U.S. so he can finish wrapping up his new movie with Spike Lee, as Director, and Denzel as his co-star.

But those dreams of being a big time movie star in Hollywood are put on the back burner when Ms. Maitlin comes a calling, again, for his services in her Hollywood Hills Mansion to watch over her newly adopted daughter's, of South Africa, birthday party.

Of course, the party went on without a hitch, until the nanny summons the security detail to advise Nandi,

Ms. Maitlin's baby, has gone missing. The nightmare that ensues is any parents worst nightmare, but not as much as it is for Ten, since this happened under his watch, or did it?

Trust me, as the story unfolds, you WILL NOT be able to put this book down. It has all the zest and appeal that the first two books in the series offered. Will Ten solve this case before moving on to his next caper? Read and find out! OUTSTANDING Read!

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### **Sarah Weathersby says**

From Cape Town with Love, the third Tennyson Hardwick novel is the most suspenseful yet. I was all set to complain about the S&M episode (bondage is a real turn-off for me) but all of that fell by the wayside when it came down to the story, just as the previous two novels in the series got the sex out of the way fairly early in the book. In spite of "Ten's" flaws, lack of control, and attempts to bargain with God, he is the hero we want him to be. I was on the edge of my seat wanting to know how Ten would solve the kidnapping.

I have previously likened Tennyson Hardwick to Walter Mosley's Ezekiel Rawlins, brought into the twenty-first century. Just as Mosley uses the racial conflict in LA in the 1950's and 60's as a backdrop for murder mystery, Underwood, Due, and Barnes use Hollywood of the Obama years, the election and recession as a backdrop. Mosley gave us "colorful" titles for his Easy Rawlins series. The Tennyson Hardwick series has titles that play on classic movies from Bogart, Poitier, and Bond.

There are points when the 2010 pop culture becomes a little distracting, but who knows, fifty years may prove that Paris Hilton, Jerry Seinfeld, and Jack Bauer are as timeless as Loretta Young and Clark Gable after all.

I know Tananarive Due's writing for her tender characterizations that make for people that I care about. Even minor characters and immortals who leave a trail of murder over centuries are the ones I look forward to reading more about. I know Steven Barnes only through my subscription to his daily inspirational emails for aspiring writers. They are full of references to eastern meditation, and to martial arts discipline and training. The martial arts sequences in Cape Town were spell-binding.

Now I'm hopeful that the next Tennyson Hardwick installment will come soon, but not before the next installment of Ms. Due's Ethiopian immortals. The cameo appearance in Cape Town of an Ethiopian named Dawit was a nice tidbit for fans like me.

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### **Humanity says**

Beautiful, free and brave all greatly describe...

Hardwick, Tennyson Hardwick. Who far outweighs James Bond, baby! Within this novel you will continue to witness the evolution of a solid MAN. A problem solver who acts, as Marsha states. Oh, who is Marsha, you ask? Pick up Cape Town and find out. She's a real piece of work!

If you thought you loved Hardwick before, as he pushed along and did his thing in Casanegra and In The Night of The Heat, Cape Town will infinitely seal you to him as his layers peel back and boundaries are

removed to reveal the core of who he is. A very loving person.

The 3rd tale of this series often filled me with emotion considering there is an innocent victim at the heart of the story that only Mister Ten can save, but it means riding a mighty chaotic wave (April) in the process, so hold on fellow readers. Ten's really got to dig in and transform to make this happen, but hope floats.

With that said, the dynamic writing of Due and Barnes presents a harrowing adventure that vividly places you alongside Tennyson as he loves, loses, fights and triumphs that simply can't be missed.

Plus we get to vicariously visit some really beautiful and exciting places through the strokes of the authors' pens that we may never set foot on in real life.

Enjoy!

p.s. Come hang out with Tennyson Hardwick on Facebook

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### **Misshaq says**

This story was sizzling! I plan to go back and read the other books in the series, to get further background into the main character of the story, Tennyson Hardwick.

So who is Tennyson Hardwick? He is a man with many layers that continue to reveal themselves. The son of a cop, he works part time as a high level bodyguard. But he is also an up and coming actor trying to make it in Hollywood. Through his travels to South Africa he meets a beautiful and intriguing actress who he is guarding while she is in Cape Town to adopt a child. The story takes you on a ride from there. There is adventure, suspense, sex, comedy, more sex, mystery and violence. I give it four stars....

I like the writing style of the book and also thought it was creative of the authors to provide a MP3 soundtrack. You really do see the story unfolding, it is written like a movie...with a very sexy leading man!

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### **Villager says**

I'm hooked. This is the 3rd book in the Tennyson Hardwick series and I'm hooked. I think that the character is great ... it is nice to see a Black male character that is a hero. He is flawed but he strives to do the right things. He strives to be better than his past. He strives to make connections with others in his life, including his father and his 'adopted' daughter.

Oh yeah ... and he is a helluva part-time detective!

This story takes our hero to South Africa and back to southern California as he tries to save a young 2-year old kidnapped child. Many twists and turns and some new characters show up in this book.

Anyhow, I enjoy the book and highly recommend the series. I look forward to reading the 4th book in the series which was released earlier this year (2012).

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## **Chayako says**

Suspenseful, exhilarating and sexy. From Cape Town with Love will leave you on the edge of your seat as once again Tennyson Hardwick has found himself in another mess. This page turner will have you holding your breathe as the intoxicating actor/bodyguard Ten deals with love, family, work and his own mortality.

If ever there was a book made for the big screen, this is it. The trio of authors do an excellent job helping us to visualize the beauty of South Africa, experience the roller coaster of emotions from the characters all while reminding us that everyone is vulnerable. Although reading Casanegra and In the Night of the Heat is not required, I strongly encourage doing so in order to fully appreciate the authors development of the characters.

It has been a pleasure taking these adventures with Tennyson Hardwick and I look forward to more.

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## **Luise says**

I missed the previous two books of this series so I didn't get a lot of references in the beginning.

Apart from that, it was very exciting and fast-paced with a not-too-obvious storyline, which I liked a lot.

The style of writing took a little getting used to sometimes - especially towards the end during the great showdown.

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## **Wendy says**

Tennyson Hardwick (TH) has developed as a character, should show further development in next book would recommend this read if you want to follow TH.

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## **OOSA says**

### **When Danger Comes Knocking**

Actor and detective Tennyson Hardwick has solved two high-profile deaths in Hollywood, but nothing has prepared him for a race to save a child's life. His past in the sex game cost him his girlfriend, and he travels to Africa to try to win her back. While in Africa he's hired as a bodyguard by superstar Sofia Maitlin for her visit to an orphanage to adopt an African child. Months later, Maitlin hires Tennyson as a bodyguard at her adopted daughter Nandi's birthday party. When Nandi goes missing at the party, Tennyson is in for the race of his life to save Nandi's life and bring her home safely to her parents. Not being able to go to the police or FBI, Tennyson is left to his own tactics and the help of his father, a retired LAPD

captain, and a mysterious woman from his past, Marsha, who has proven she can't be trusted. When his search for Nandi leads him to a deadly African gang, Tennyson now realizes he is in a fight for his life.

With danger lurking around every corner, this suspenseful, action packed novel is a page turner that is hard to put down. Use of the African culture paints a clear picture, allowing the reader to be fully immersed in the culture of that majestic country. With an intricate plot and well developed characters, this novel is sure to please lovers of suspense. I was a little apprehensive about reading this because I did not read the other two novels in the series but I can say that I was not lost in the story and would recommend this book even if you have not read the others.

Reviewed by: Lashonda

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### **Tazzyt2bossye says**

'Can you play the game or will the game play you...'

Tennyson Hardwick is a man of many dimensions, an actor, a detective, a lover, a friend, perhaps even a father. Battered and bruised mentally and physically, Tennyson travels to South Africa in an effort to win back his ex girlfriend April Forrest. While on this trip he happens to meet Sofia Maitlin and they request his services as her bodyguard while she visits orphanages in a quest to adopt an African child.

Tennyson is later approached by Sofia's camp to assist in security for her adopted daughter, Nandi's A-list celebrity birthday party. Which could prove to be beneficial with his attempt to network with Hollywood's cream of the crop. In the midst of the glitz and glamour, Nandi disappears and the nightmare begins as the kidnapping seems to be connected to a criminal gang with ties to South Africa. Plagued with guilt, Tennyson finds himself consumed with finding Nandi and bringing her back to her family safe and sound. Tennyson faces one of the most strenuous fights in this escapade as he tries to decipher who's really friend or foe, who's real or phony, as well as a lethal confrontation between him and a deadly knife fighter known as Spider.

From Cape Town With Love proved to be a masterfully penned novel overflowing with stimulating scenes that will keep the reader's attention and anticipation at an all time high. The suspense and mystery heightens your interest as well as encompasses you within the perimeter of this graphically depicted tale. Tennyson Hardwick entertains the readers with intriguing, fascinating, as well as steamy scenes that keep you on the edge of your seat as you enjoy this thrilling ride! This is my first introduction to Tennyson and I must admit I won't soon forget this tenacious and brazen character with his charismatic intellect and swagga! 4.38\*\*\*\*

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### **J says**

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