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Can you ground your mother? On the last day of school, Tamika's boyfriend dumps her, her best friend moves away and she's forced to go on a lame mother-daughter trip to her grandmother's house. She can barely handle one minute with her controlling, critical mom. But when they arrive, her life gets even worse! Her mother is suddenly acting like she's trying out for *Moms Gone Wild*, partying with her old high school crowd. Now Tamika's the responsible one: taking care of business and stuck on a nice guy instead of a player. She wouldn't mind a little bit of her old mom back. Wait a minute, did she really say that?

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Dionna Bell says

I think this book is good, so good that you can't even put it down. In this book its Tamika last day of school and her boyfriends dumps her and her best friend named Lisa moves away so now she don't have nobody. As for her mother while her father goes on a monthly business trip so she is stuck for two weeks with her mother in Georgia. Its embarrassing because while they down south Tamika mother Laura tries to be young again by partying with her old friends and getting drunk.

Sarah Spector says

YA--part of the new genre of African American teen fiction. The major theme is the conflict between mother and daughter--set in today's landscape. The family is middle class and the mother has to go South to close up the family home and drags her daughter with her.

Lanetta says

It was pretty weird how the protagonist's mom wanting to be a sixteen-year-old again. It's understandable that the mother didn't have the opportunity to live her life as a teen, but still, it's just the fact that she's finally realized, that her young years, are over. On the other hand, you do look young if you feel young.

Bijion says

i learned that u should be very thankful because when u loose it ur going to be sad so think about what u do before you do it.

Taty says

Celeste O. Norfleet's purpose in writing her book, *She said, She said*, is to show her audience that the life of a teen and adult both have its own struggles. Many teens and their parents might argue that each other's role in life are harder or easier than another, but in reality they both carry their own weight and duty. *She said, She said* could show parents and the kids the importance in their life. This book reminds teens that their parents were once their age and reminds parents that their teens are becoming them. According to Celeste "Throughout the course of writing this story....i think it brought us closer together in understanding and love."(Celeste O. Norfleet). This book and the writing experience brought her and her daughter together because they got a chance to step in each other's shoes. *She said, She said* is a great learning experience for anyone.

She said, She said was a decent book. It wasn't a difficult read, but it did have some challenging words to

stimulate your mind. The author has some insightfully advice that could have lasting value that the readers could definitely relate to. For example, the main character Tamika and her mother Laura have not been getting along since she hit her teens. Tamika is now 16 and her and her mother are like ice and fire. Once she went on that road trip and made it to Fraser, Tamika start finding out more and more things about her mother. As she was in the attic reading her moms old diaries; she came to a conclusion that her and her mother were more alike than she ever thought.

This story was very entertaining but also has a serious life lesson that could be learned from. The story of Tamika's mother Laura basically waiting to gain a life back that she never had a chance to live when she was a teenager. Laura would go out every night since they've been back in Fraiser. She played a prank on her old high school but got hurt. Tamika had to pick her up. On the ride home she rammed on and on saying "Breaking into a school. Have you lost your mind."?(Tamika,239) This was officially the time Tamika had switched from child to concerned parent and Laura was the "care nothing" teen. This story will make the reader really think about how their parents could do some childish things that make them have to step up to the plate. I could relate to Tamika because I to want freedom to do what I want and buy things whenever I please, but unlike her im aware of the hardships and the responsibilities an adult goes through. Tamika is gullible and I am not.

The greatest strength of the book *She said, She said*, is that it's one of the fewer books that can be relatable. Unlike fictional books that talk about fairytales or imaginary things. This exemplified when Tamika finally took some responsibility for their old family house. Her maturity showed out when she told her mother "You're always talking about me stepping up so I'm doing it now, so let me."(Tamika,211). The greatest weakness about the book is the way it ended. I hate when a book ends without answering the unknown questions. What happens to the characters that weren't mentioned at the end?

"*She said, She said* shows the basic struggle of any teen trying to gain freedom and independence and any parent trying to escape the troubles of responsibility. This book opens the eyes of the reader and makes them really consider both sides. Each of them got a taste of what it was like to walk in each others shoes and they couldn't handle it. This fiasco brought them closer. *She said, She said*, part of the Kimani Tru series. I would recommend this book to a friend because I enjoyed myself. Most of my friend's read similar urban books like this. Its not a long book and it could really past the time.

Ebony says

i like it her mom is just acting like she was

Sky says

i learned to listen to your my and dont get mad at her

Tanika Allison says

She said, She said is a fiction novel written by Celeste O. and Jennifer Norfleet published in 2008. This book

is about a young girl that feels her life is a mess and never gets what she wants but that's not true. She has a mother that's a little strict but loves her, a dad that loves her to but is never really around, a best friend for life that is always there for her and a new guy in her life that wants to treat her good but she can't see that because of the last "player" boyfriend that did her wrong. The author's purpose for writing this book is to entertain but also inform or make someone realize "hey I'm going through this same situation". Celeste O and Jennifer organized "She said, She said" in chapters where Laura "the mom" and Tamika "the daughter" took turns and told it in their point of view but the story flowed well. Their style which I liked was to relate to real life situations that families or relationships go through. Also got into great details so the readers could picture what was going on and they spoke in teenage language for instance when they were talking but also for when Tamika was texting, that's how we teenagers text today. I liked that the author defines certain words just in case the reader may not have known what the word meant. The book did achieve its goal, it was very interesting and made me not want to put it down at certain parts because I was wondering what was going to happen next. I recommend people that might need a little laugh but also might be going through something and realize you're not alone to read this book. I will definitely be reading more of these KIMANI Tru books.

Nardsbaby Reader says

Role Reversal

For mother and daughter Laura and Tamika Fraser, understanding and communicating are difficult, to say the least. Laura says one thing, Tamika hears another. Tamika believes her mother lives in a perfect world - being an adult, with money and the ability to make decisions. Unfortunately for Laura, it doesn't feel that way. Unemployed and concerned about her marriage, she's looking for ways to reinvent and improve herself.

When plans Tamika made for the summer go awry, she's forced to follow her mom to Fraser, Georgia, to help pack up the family home, the house that has been in the family for more than 100 years and holds more than sentimental value. What Tamika discovers inside opens her eyes. However, Laura's eyes also open, to a crush that has been more than 30 years in the making.

SHE SAID, SHE SAID written by mother and daughter Celeste & Jennifer Norfleet details the difficulties mothers and daughters are often faced with, especially during the teen years. I enjoyed the way the story reversed roles, how the mom and daughter were able to see themselves and how it helped their relationship. Also, the history that was shared about the Fraser family in Fraser, Georgia, was interesting. I think this is a great book to share between mothers and daughters.

Jodi says

When I first started this book I was immediately turned off by the text-speak and the teen-slang and the urban trash talking. But I stuck with it and discovered that while I still didn't like the style, I did enjoy the story of a mother and daughter experiencing the teen years ultimately through another's eyes. Tamika and her mother are like gasoline and a lit match. Her mother hates her boyfriend and isn't enthused about her going off to a photography camp. Tamika considers her mother boring and uptight but when summer plans change and the two have to travel to Georgia to clean out Tamika's grandmother's house, Tamika discovers a whole

new side of her mother. A freer, more relaxed, mother. And Tamika isn't certain she likes the new incarnation. But the house still needs to be cleaned out and Tamika steps up to the plate, surprising both her mother and herself with her ingenuity. It turned into an interesting story that I ultimately enjoyed despite the "language" barrier.

Rayzin says

Tamika is forced to go on a trip to the south with her mother. But with the reminder of her boyfriend dumping her and her betfriend moving away she's noy up to it. Then her mother seems to think she's on Mom's goin wild. Now She has to act like the adult and try and figure out if she can snap he mom out of it.

Treasure McCarver says

so far from what I've read, the differences between the mother and daughter are so realistic. everybody goes through the same thing where you and your parents just don't get along. I think everyone who reads this book can relate right off the back.

K-cutie says

SO FAR IN THIS BOOK THE GIRL IN MY BOOK HAS AN BEST FRIEND THAT SHE TEXT TO AND SHE IS NOT IN THAT GOOD OF AN RELASHIONSHIP WITH HER MOTHER AND SHE IS IN THE 10th NOT DONE

Kamyra says

this book basically goes to show that the adult and teen both have their own struggles. this was a great book to me. it wasn't at all the challenging for me to read. the author gives some very good advice to the reader that the reader can relate to. basically tamika was in the attic one day reading her mother's diary nd she is soon to find out that her and her mother are more alike then she knew.

Bobby Hardy says

i Love this book it was one of my favorite books and i wouldn't mind reading it again. my love for this book is very, very high.
