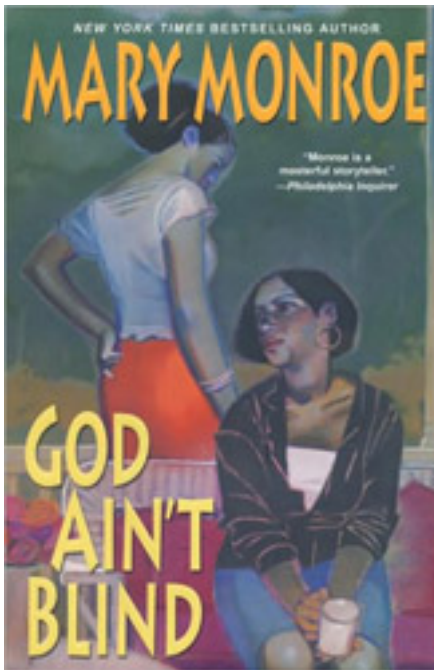


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For better or worse, for richer or poorer... Have you ever said those words while standing with your beloved in front of a bunch of your friends and family?

If you did, you undoubtedly meant them with all your heart, intending to love and be faithful to your beloved forever. But forever is a long time and some days, "worse" overtakes "better" and you feel poorer for what you promised.

So what do you do? In the new book "God Ain't Blind" by Mary Monroe, a woman takes matters into her own hands, much to everyone's regret.

It was all Rhoda's fault. She was the one who introduced Annette to Louis, and she was the one who pushed Annette into having an affair. And why not? It had been over a year since Pee Wee, Annette's husband, had touched her. After twenty happy years, it seemed that he no longer thought his wife was desirable.

Ever since that whole thing with Jade and the stress that had caused her to lose weight, Annette had changed, both physically and emotionally. She felt stronger and sexier, and the words Louis said to her made her realize how much she needed the love of a man who would appreciate her. And if Pee Wee wouldn't do it...

But sneaking around can wear a woman down, and it wasn't easy keeping her relationship with Louis under wraps. Louis was a struggling businessman and all Annette's friends came to his restaurant, so meeting at the Dew Drop Inn was as good as it got. Rhoda "helped" by being Annette's excuse, but Rhoda could be careless. After all, she'd had a lover, Bully, for as long as she'd been married to Otis.

And then one day, it became obvious to Annette that Pee Wee was being just as secretive as she was. His "fishing trip" was for more than just fishing, and his absence from the barber shop every Friday made Annette suspicious. Were they both breaking their marriage vows?

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When Pee Wee finally admitted that he was seeing another woman and Annette tried to fix her messed-up life, she began to wish she'd turned a blind eye to the wrong kind of love.

"God Ain't Blind" is the latest book in a semi-series featuring Annette Goode Davis, her best friend, Rhoda O'Toole, former hunk Pee Wee, and Rhoda's evil daughter, Jade. The bad thing about this book is that author Mary Monroe wastes an awful lot of time re-hashing plot lines from past books. That's good for anyone who's never read the "God" books, but tedious for current fans who don't need lengthy reminders.

Still, it was nice to see that Annette is still trying to put some spice in her life in all the wrong ways, great to see Rhoda is still sassy as ever, and it's still fun to hate Jade and her nastiness. Overall, "God Ain't Blind" isn't the best book I've read this year, but it's still worth reading. Pick it up. You could do worse.

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