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Still reeling from the disgrace their former pastor left in his wake, members of Gospel Truth Church need someone who can restore order. Enter Reverend Doctor Pastor Bishop Overseer Mister Stanley Obadiah Meshach Brook, Jr., who quickly sets up a code of ethics so strict even Jesus might not pass muster! When the new rules send much of the flock fleeing, Reverend Doctor O turns to Reverend Stanley Lee and his wife, Passion, to lead a revival.

But the church isn't the only thing that needs reviving—so does Stanley's libido. Passion was celibate for five years before marrying, and is not happy that her husband's lackluster wedding night performance has become the rule, not the exception. Desperate to make her marriage work, Passion turns to Reverend Doctor O's wife, Maxine, for advice. But Maxine is busy trying to clean out the skeletons in her own marital closet—because even the holiest have secrets...

## **Heaven Forbid Details**

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## **From Reader Review Heaven Forbid for online ebook**

### **Shavonna Futrell says**

These church folks is a trip, I really enjoyed this book they had me laughing, fussing and hollering. The preachers don't practice what they preach and the First Ladies are not living up to their vows. Rev Dr O and Reve Lee needed to switch wives if you ask me. This is a great series and I am off to start the next one. Cannot wait to see what Lutishia Lovely has in store fore me.

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### **Angelia says**

""This is the sixth book of the Hallelujah Love series and with each story the characters has grown on me more and more...However in Heaven Forbid there was so much going on with each couple until you felt a little let down with the ending.....so with that said I hope that this is not the last of the series just yet.... but I will DEFINITELY have to agree with another reviewer when they stated that some of the character's stories were better left untold....""

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### **June says**

This was a good read. It has a good storyline, but there are too many characters. This book is like a soap opera. Looking forward to reading the next in the series, Divine Intervention (Hallelujah Love#7).

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### **Nandi Crawford says**

The saga continues on the Brook/Montgomery families and then some! In this book, after the Rev Trent leaves after being disgraced, The Rev Doctor Obadiah Brook at the request of Mother Nettie, come to the rescue, and ask the Rev Stanley Lee and his wife Carla to do a revival to get the church back in order. Of course, things dont' work out when skeletons galore come out of the closet.

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### **Toni says**

Scandals, sex all intermixed with faith. Gospel Truth Church is trying to restore order after the former pastor left in disgrace. Reverend Doctor Pastor Biship Obadiah M Brook Jr comes out of retirement. He sets up a code of conduct that has members fleeing the church. He then decides to have a revival, and sends for Reverend Stanley Lee and his wife, Passion.

There is a lot going on, but Lutishia Lovely keeps it lively and you're flipping those pages to see what's going to happen next. Great read.

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### **Carmen Blalock says**

Heaven forbid is the latest book in the Hallelujah series by Lutishia Lovely and she does not disappoint. This book stars Reverend Doctor Pastor Bishop Overseer Mister Stanley Obadiah Meshack Brook, Jr (or Reverend Doctor O as friends call him) who is the Head Pastor over Gospel Truth Church and he is set out to make his church the outstand, upstanding church that is was before it started crumbling from the scandal with the previous pastor. He brings in a ringer, Reverend Stanley Lee who is an excellent preacher and very easy to look at, to reel back in the people who were going astray. But how can these two powerful preachers preach the word to the congregation when their lives are in turmoil and they are trying live the word that they preach to the best of their ability. This book is an excellent read and I would recommend to everyone to get this series: Sex in the Sanctuary, Love Like Hallelujah, A Preacher's Passion, Heaven Right Here, Reverend Feelgood and Heaven Forbid.

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### **Wanda (The Watered Soul) says**

Lutisha Lovely serves up another interesting and quick read filled with church folks who have a little bit more than meets the eye. Initially I had trouble keeping up with all the characters but this was easily fixed by a couple of flip backs. As in all her books Ms Lovely deals with issues that are not often talked about within the confines of the church.

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### **Pamela Sweezy says**

I started this thinking that it was going to be a standard "bodice ripper" of a book but I found that it was well-written, funny, and had a couple well-developed characters.

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### **Revae says**

A great way to wrap up the series! Or is this the end? I wish I had a book club to discuss this one. It was a great read. It took me a couple of days to start and finish. Lovely did not disappoint with this one. The characters that I came to know in the previous novels kept me highly entertained!

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### **African Americans on the Move Book Club says**

All in all, I enjoyed this book. My one complaint is that there are entirely TOO MANY characters to keep up with, I almost wanted for there to be a chart at some point in the book to help me identify who was related to someone else as I flipped through. If I would put down the book for a day, when I picked it back up, I was sure to need to go back a few pages for a refresher. There was also no clear lead in the story. All of the storylines were major, nothing seemed to take the background to anything else. The underlying similarity in the entire story was that there were quite a few legalistic Christians, but that did not stop a great deal of them

in dealing in illicit love affairs and sex. There were those who were no longer having sex, so their marriage was impacted, there were others who were having a great time having sex, so their marriage was great. There were those who had entirely too much before, then decided that they needed to become one with God, so they abstained from sex. There was another couple who had some secret past lives that were overwhelmed by sex. Quite a few other instances, but I think that you get the point.

In all of the story lines that the author tells, I found it interesting that very little of her story dealt with the repurcussions of all of these stories intertwined with love affairs and the church. Is it possible that a person in a position of leadership was involved in this sordid affair and nothing ever came of their positions? Perhaps, but I found it interesting that it did not.

I would have preferred to have had fewer story lines completely introduced, giving more meat to the main story. The other story lines could have been introduced in later works by the author so that the reader is not overwhelmed with so many details and left with so many unanswered questions.

Shica Robinson  
AAMBC Reviewer

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### **Diane Rembert says**

Book 6 of the Hallelujah series picks up where "Reverend Feelgood" left off. Nathaniel Thicke and his wife Destiny have been replaced by the Reverend Doctor Pastor Bishop Overseer Minister Stanley Obadiah Meshach Brook Sr. and his wife Mama Max have taken their place. Problem is... Reverend O is so strict that a lot of the members are leaving, and it doesn't stop there, because the Reverend has been hiding a secret that could possibly end his marriage.

First Lady Passion Lee is also struggling on the home front. Hey husband, Pastor Stan Lee is also hiding a secret...and it's affecting their love life. Will he give in to his past desires or fight for his marriage?

Princess has decided to own a novel to not only inspire, but also encourage young women that they can practice abstinence until the right man comes along. Question is..."Has the wrong man changed it has the right man stepped up? "

I enjoyed reading this book by @lutishia\_lovely, I highly recommend it to anyone looking for a drama filled ?????read.

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### **Pamela Lewis says**

Oh WOW!!! Lutishia just blows my mind. Although her books are fiction, I truly believe that these situations happen on a daily basis. Just when you think you know what's about to happen, she throws a fast curve ball and your caught off guard. I look forward to her books and would love to see her books come to life on the big screen or a mini-tv series. Keep up the great work!

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### **Andrea Jackson says**

Well written, good character making. But there were way too many characters, making it hard to keep up with who was who, and breaking the story up into too many story arcs. Also I'm not a fan of this kind of book. About black mega-churches full of hypocritical, supposedly ultra-religious, judgmental folks. They are just not appealing to me. I didn't like any of the people in the book and I thought several of the story arcs were totally unbelievable.

Sorry.

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### **Shamekia Bailey says**

#### **Wow!**

This series gets better with each book! I'm not sure anything else can compare. The old people drama was EVERYTHING!!!!!!

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