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Samaria Jacobs is a deceitful yet captivating diva who will do anything to win the heart of her married lover. Will she get her man or destroy herself and everyone else in the process?

### **AN Inconvenient Friend Details**

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### Shavonna Futrell says

This was a great book, I really enjoyed the story line, it was captivating, very well written

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### Beverly Taylor says

This was a great, quick read. I thought I'd fall out of my chair with laughter when Ebony told her cousin Samaria, as they discussed the subject on the one lost sheep, ". . . if the shepherd is looking for you, he gonna need to take a map and some hunting equipment. Heck, he might need an exploration team or something." Hilarious! You'll have to read the story to find out why Ebony would say this about her cousin.

Instead of "fatal attraction," Ms. McKnight brings us a "fatal distraction." Angelina, Samaria, Greg, Winnie Jacobs were all "fatally distracted." My favorite character, Mekhi, gives the story a certain urban flavor.

Pick up a copy or two of AIF for yourself and a friend to discuss the antics of Samaria and Greg and encourage your bookclub to add this one to their list.

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### Yolanda Gore says

This was an excellent, excellent book. Rhonda really did her thing in her 2nd novel. This is definitely a page turner. I was hooked after reading the 1st paragraph. Samaria Jacobs, is a foul woman. Did I say foul? Oh man, she is just foul!!

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### Vacirca Vaughn says

I loved this sequel to Ms. McKnight's novel *Secrets and Lies*. In this novel, the character Samaria has a history of seeking successful married men. She wants the good life without the work involved. In the first novel, she set her sights on a rich doctor. After failing to seduce him, she tries to slap him with a sexual harassment suit, which backfires. In this sequel, she is back. This time she does manage to seduce a rich, married doctor and joins a church in order to get closer to his wife. It is her goal to find out as much as she can of her lover's wife so that she can use the info to her advantage and become the wife. The wife, Angelina, not knowing that Samaria is a tool of Satan on assignment to destroy her marriage, becomes a mentor to her in the church. Samaria begins to feel quite attached to Angelina and begins to feel bad for sleeping with Greg, Angelina's husband...

I'll stop there because I don't want to give it all away but this novel depicts the awesome power of God's grace. He can forgive and heal even the most conniving, horrendous people with His love. I enjoyed this novel thoroughly. It was fast-paced and had rich characters. Samaria was written in a way that allowed me to hate her one minute and want to help her the next.

People often ask me why I read so much Christian fiction. They think CF novels are boring. Humph! Anyone who reads this novel will learn with a quickness that CF novels are anything but boring. There is plenty of drama that keeps you hooked even as the message of salvation and healing through Jesus Christ is prevalent.

Go Ms. McKnight!

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### **Dianne Jones says**

An Inconvenient Friend, a tale of friendship between the wife and the mistress. Before I could barely finish chapter one, I had already drawn a line in the sand, and determined where my allegiance lie. I'd decided that this "shameless hussy" [the piece on the side] needed to get what was coming to her midway through the book. I proceeded with the assumption that this would be a predictable, yet gratifying read, where the "scheming trick" gets what every "piece on the side" deserves. Imagine my surprise when she got exactly what she deserved, and it wasn't what I'd expected.

Samaria and Angelina are vastly different in personality and spirit. Both abandoned by their first love: their fathers. One could easily conclude that many of their decisions concerning men stemmed from their earliest heartbreak. One can definitely speculate that their choices and behaviors also stemmed from the strong influence of their mothers, who both held distorted perceptions of what it took for a woman to survive. With the anguish of a little girl's heartbreak lingering near, the backdrop of a bitter mother's anger, and another mother's resignation to total submission, it's easy to see how different each woman turned out to be.

Angelina was taught to cater to her man and encouraged to overlook infidelity in order to enjoy the comforts of a good life. Samaria was taught to manipulate and con her man, use sex as a means to an end, in order to secure material possessions, in hope of a good life. One has been let down by the only man she ever loved, the other betrayed by the love of her life. One closes her heart and spirit and becomes entangled in pain and un-forgiveness. She says that, "There were limits to what we could forgive, even when we loved people." The other opens her heart and her spirit and finds something she thought she'd never experience.

Heartbreak is probably the most powerful conduit of pain and too often when nourished by instant replays of devastating memories it produces an almost unshakeable un-forgiveness which opens one spirit up to a root of bitterness. Uncontrolled, one can easily become consumed by its ravenous effects. Forgiveness is the most powerful source that we possess and once extended releases its giver, freeing her from the pain and allowing a real opportunity for healing to take place. One chose to forgive the person who broke her heart, the other did not. One chose to forgive herself and accept the forgiveness of God. The other chose to ignore all that she knew about forgiveness and walk out the heartache, which produced excruciating pain.

An Inconvenient Friend was an excellent read with a great storyline which draws its reader into the characters quickly and compels you to continue until you turn the last page. I was anxious to read the excerpt from the sequel, and I will wait with great anticipation to find out the fate of both women. In the meantime, I'm left to ponder my own reaction if ever such a situation would occur. I'm closer to the caterer, then the manipulator. So, if I were the devoted, faithful, loving wife who met with such devastating consequences from my encounter with such an inconvenient friend, how would it end?

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### **Lyn says**

I thoroughly enjoyed An Inconvenient Friend. Though perhaps "enjoyed" isn't the right verb. AIF kept me flipping pages as quickly as I could BECAUSE I knew that Samaria Jacobs was headed for a fall. The story of a mistress who decides to get close to her lover's wife just cannot end well.

In addition to the tension of waiting for the moment of exposure and explosion, the dialogue and the characters were layered and realistic, never hitting a false note. I will not forget Samaria, her mother or the wronged wife who becomes Samaria's Inconvenient Friend.

This is a must-read book if you want something that will challenge you to read what the world looks like, feels like from a stranger to God. We often forget this and it's important to remember.

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### **Bree says**

This was a great book and there was never a dull moment. I give this a 2 thumbs up !!! Samaria Jacobs was one bold female to approach her lovers wife. Then to become friends with her just took the cake. Greg was wrong for not talking their problems out with his wife Angelina . I was glad Angelina did get Katrice it took her mind off things. Hopefully Samaria will get a chance to explain herself to Angelina in part 2..... Finished March 24.....

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### **Debra says**

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Samaria Jacobs AKA Rae Burns has her sights set on Dr. Gregory Preston, a very successful surgeon that can afford her. He's married to Angelina, The Good Wife, a real Christian, with a broken heart.

As the story unfolds Samaria joins the Women's Bible Study group to get a look at Angelina, her competition. She meets Angelina and an unlikely "friendship" is formed. "Rae's" agenda is to get a leg up on Mrs. Preston, but the goodness and sincerity from her prey, puts a very interesting twist in the story. Even though Rae's plan..."Operation Steal Greg" is in effect. She can't help but to like Angelina.

The Preston's lost a child and Angelina wants another child so bad she is willing to look over the late nights, perfume and lipstick stained shirts. Believing her marriage can be saved, she tries to hold things together in spite of the obvious distance and evidence.

Rae Burns method to her madness is desperation. Some self inflicted most were growing pains from a difficult childhood and a love that betrayed her. She's in serious debt and has the burden of a mother whose mission in life is NOTHING.

Angelina has no clue that the other woman is right in her face. The story line when she gives "Rae" a bible lesson on the book of John and the Samaritan woman, had me laughing out loud because "Samaria" thought she was busted, but it was a lesson in God's grace. Only Samaria saw the parallels. Very Clever Rhonda!

This 5 star read was excellent. I so loved the twists and the story telling ability of Ms. McKnight. She had me from page one.

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### **Beverly Taylor says**

An Inconvenient Friend is a great, quick read. There was one section that stands out for me. It's when Ebony was talking to Samaria about the "one lost sheep." I giggled when Ebony said, ". . . if the shepherd is looking for you, he gonna need to take a map and some hunting equipment. Heck, he might need an exploration team or something." That was pretty hilarious. You'll have to read the story to find out why Ebony would make this remark about cousin Samaria. I enjoyed the novel and would recommend it to those who also enjoy reading Christian fiction.

Rhonda did a great job with the story of this particular Samaritan woman. You heard of Fatal Attraction, right? Well, Ms. McKnight gives us her version of Fatal Distraction. Samaria, Angelina, Greg, MaDukes (Ms. Jacobs--Samaria's mother), were all fatally distracted! I'd love to read a story about Mekhi (my favorite character in the book). Hint, hint, Rhonda (smile)

Do yourself a favor . . . pick up a copy or two--for you and a friend--to discuss. Encourage your bookclub to add this title to their upcoming reading list.

Join Rhonda on her tour this month (July, 2010) at [www.Tywebbin.com](http://www.Tywebbin.com). She's offering great prizes.

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### **Tamiko Grant says**

Great read!! Absolute page turner. This was my 1st time reading a book by this author but I look forward to reading more. I love Christian fiction. It always has a purpose.

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### **Cheryl says**

I loved this book!! Rhonda McKnight is a great author and I look forward to reading more books by her! I found this book at the Black Expressions website. I looked at the cover and thought it looked like a great book. The woman on the front looked to me like a nice church going woman--boy was I ever wrong!

Samaria Jacobs has a married lover named Gregory Preston who is a doctor. She said she understood how the cheating thing worked and there were two categories (P.7) "The first was what I called "something

different." .... "The second category, and the one I preferred to be, was the new model". She met Gregory at a sports bar. She didn't think he would be interested but she pushed him because he was upset over a patient. She got him and had him for six months. She wanted to be more than just the woman on the side. (p.25). He did help her with her bills, but of course she wanted more.

Gregory's wife Angelina had a feeling that something was up. He was getting a lot of phone calls at odd times and worked more hours. She would also find lipstick stains on his collar and smell fresh woman's perfume on him. Samaria got to be good friends with Gregory's wife because she joined a church group and got involved in a big project. She even made up a fake name-Rae Burns.

No good can come out of getting so close to your lover's wife. She wanted to find out more about her so she could do everything she could to get Gregory closer to her, but then she started to really like Angelina. Samaria is a cold hearted woman. I can't believe the lengths she went to in order to try to tear Gregory and his wife apart.

You need to read this book to see how it ends.

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### **Sheria says**

This is the first book I was assigned to read after joining a book club. I must say it was a very good book from begining to end. I just started reading christian fiction and have been very impressed with the selections I've read. This book leaves you looking forward to part 2.

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### **Phano says**

Young Lady trying to breakup a marriage so she can have the lifestyle of the wife

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### **OOSA says**

#### **Parallels**

After reading 'Secrets and Lies,' readers already know how low-down and conniving Samaria Jacobs can be when she wants something bad enough. Deciding to play for keeps this time, Samaria has set her sights on Dr. Greg Preston, a highly-respected surgeon that just so happens to be someone else's husband. Maybe a woman with morals would let that deter her, but for Samaria, she's already plotting and planning.

Angelina Preston was no one's trophy wife. A board member with the DFYS, her life is hectic as she is faced with the death of a child, a misplaced child and the media causing a frenzy. It doesn't help that her home life is on shaky ground and her gut is telling her that husband of hers is making appointments elsewhere.

When Angelia is introduced to Rae Burns, a new Christian at the church, the two women bond as Angelina agrees to mentor a sister. Though Rae deceptive plans appear simple enough, she'd never actually planned to like the woman. Soon the women discover, though different, they have a lot in common. As they reveal parts of their painful past, the mentor-mentee relationship easily transforms into sister-friends. Will revelations

quell this kinship?

‘An Inconvenient Friend’ is a clever and positive read. I love the way the characters play off of one another and how the intensity slowly builds. Even better is the way in which readers get to witness a non-believer learning that God loves us regardless of what we’ve done. My only issues are that the book ended and I feel as if the story is still semi-open.

Reviewed by: Crystal

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### **Tamika Lindsey says**

Lots of drama. It was a quick and interesting read.

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