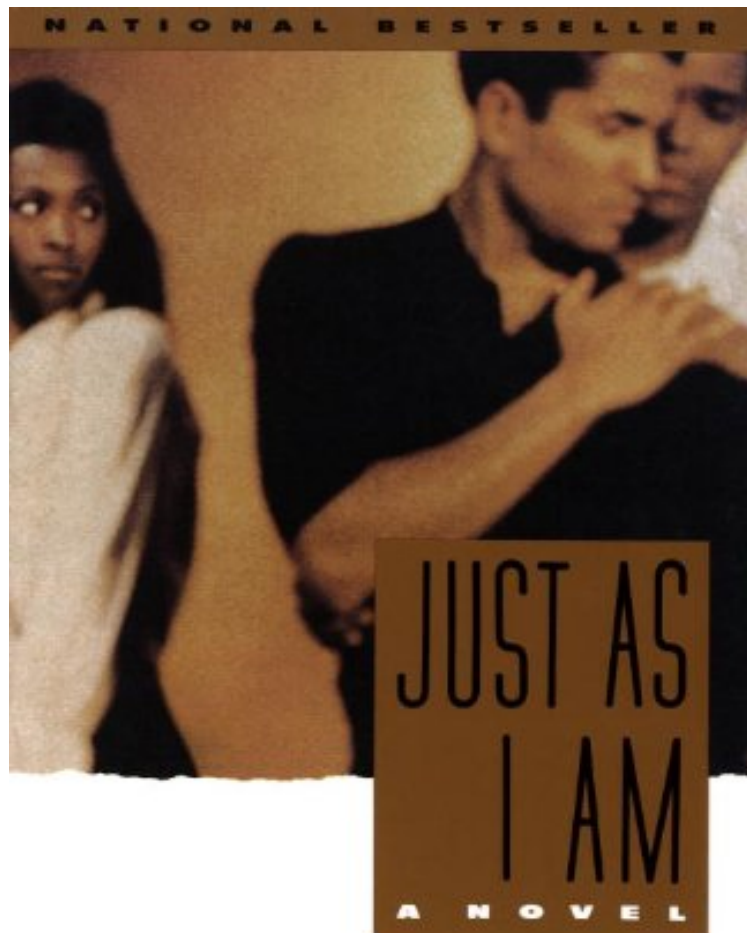


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Von E. Lynn Harris : Just As I Am: A Novel before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Just As I Am: A Novel:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. "Just As I Am " is a remarkable book.Von Ein Kunde"Just As I Am" by E. Lynn Harris is a truly remarkable book, especially for its honest and open... portrayal of Black middle-class life with all its complexities, hang-ups and humor. One of the best and most effecting reads of the last few years for me, I applaud Mr Harris for finally confronting such important

issues as color discrimination within the black community, homosexuality, the importance of friends and family, and the hypocrisy of many so called religious people who instead use their religion as a weapon against other minorities. The characters in *Just As I Am* may be a bit on the glamorous side, everybody seems to be gorgeous with fabulous bodies, but they speak in a language that rings true. I literally did not want the book to end. Kyle, one the more fascinating of Mr. Harris' creations, provides the heart of this work and the treatment of his death to AIDS is noteworthy for the dignity that he brings to it. I laughed, I cried, I got powerfully hungry. Peaches sure sounds as if she can burn a few pots! This is definitely a must read and a significant improvement over the very good "Invisible Life." 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. ANOTHER BESTSELLER ! E.Lynn's done it again! BRAVO! Von Tolonda Westbrook This novel is part-two to E.Lynn Harris' first novel *Invisible Life*. Once again we're engrossed in the lives of Raymond, Basil, Nicole and Kyle. We're introduced to newcomers like, Jared, Delaney, Gilliam, Pierce and Janelle. E.Lynn has chosen new locations such as Atlanta and trips back home to bring us into the pages of this wonderful story. Plus he still has things going on in his old stumping ground of New York. This was another book I can't put down. (May 1999) I picked this one up as soon as I completed *Invisible Life* and when I looked at the clock I realized I'd been reading and sitting in the same spot on my porch since the morning sunrise. This book is compelling, powerful and yes BOLD. It's laced with rich and beautiful language and continues to broaden your understanding of gay men and the choices they make. AWESOME! AWESOME! That's what comes to mind when I think of E.Lynn Harris and his writing style. Now it's on to *Abide With Me*, which is part three of this "AWESOME" trilogy. Once you experience E.Lynn Harris and his literary magic, you'll never see things the same. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A bad effort Von Ein Kunde I can describe this story in a couple of words: silly, shallow, annoying, and entertaining-- for what it's worth. What was clear is how ignorant E.Lynn Harris is as a writer, a man, and a Black man. One thing so blatantly noticeable is how near-White all the characters are! From green and gray eyes, to "peachy" skin, to long straight locks, Harris gives the impression that the majority of Black people don't have brown skin, brown eyes, and kinky hair! Another travesty is how all the (Black) FEMALE characters bawl and wail and cry with the drop of a hat. Harris also feels that it's fine that his main character is the "other man" in hetero relationships (even though he never wants to lie to another woman about his sexuality), and that he's obviously hostile and envious of White men. The author feels there's no need to resolve those feelings. Funny, everything else in this story is resolved-- all into one big syrupy-sweet ending that gave me a toothache. Add this to amateurish prose and boring dialogue, and it is a very good read-- for junior high school students.

Kurzbeschreibung E. Lynn Harris's blend of rich, romantic storytelling and controversial contemporary issues like race and bisexuality have found an enthusiastic and diverse audience across America. Readers celebrate the arrival in paperback of his second novel, *Just As I Am*, which picks up where *Invisible Life* left off, introducing Harris's appealing and authentic characters to a new set of joys, conflicts, and choices. Raymond, a young black lawyer from the South, struggles to come to terms with his sexuality and with the grim reality of AIDS. Nicole, an aspiring singer/actress, experiences frustration in both her career and in her attempts to find a genuine love relationship. Both characters share an eclectic group of friends who challenge them, and the reader, to look at themselves and the world around them through different eyes. By portraying Nicole's and Raymond's joys, as well as their pain, Harris never ceases to remind us that life, like love, is about self-acceptance. In this vivid portrait of contemporary black life, with all its pressures and the complications of bisexuality, AIDS, and racism, Harris confirms a faith in the power of love -- love of all kinds -- to thrill and to heal, which will warm the hearts of readers everywhere. de At the end of *Invisible Life*, Raymond and Nicole had just ended a blossoming love affair when Nicole found herself unable to cope with Raymond's bisexuality. *Just As I Am* begins soon after that, as the two former lovers try to rebuild their lives. Raymond has moved to Atlanta to practice law, and he continues to question whether he's genuinely bisexual or really gay, but is unable to accept that a real lifetime love might happen with anyone but a wife. (The reappearance of charismatic--and closeted--pro football player Basil Henderson doesn't exactly make things easier for him.) Nicole has agreed to marry her rich, white lover, who's bankrolling her latest Broadway effort, even though she's not sure she loves him. She and Raymond are reunited when their mutual best friend, Kyle, succumbs to his HIV infection and Raymond returns to New York City to be by his side. Over the years, E. Lynn Harris has proved himself a powerful male counterpart to the commercial success of African American authors like Terry McMillan; the turbulent plot of *Just As I Am*, with its relentless focus on characters' feelings, ably demonstrates how he's become so popular. Pressestimmen "Just As I Am more than delivers on the promise of *Invisible Life*. Harris gives his readers a refreshing view of African-American achievement, a touching characterization of a man living with AIDS, and a sensitive depiction of gay/straight friendships that is much to be hoped for in the world outside the book's pages." -- The Atlanta Journal Constitution.