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Description:

From With e-mail being used for everything from business memos and meeting reminders to tender love notes, the epistolary novel-- with a history stretching from the days of Samuel Richardson and Choderlos de Laclos' *Liaisons Dangereuses* to, more recently, Helene Hanff's *84 Charing Cross Road* and Alice Walker's *Color Purple*--seems to be burgeoning again. Buckhanon's foray in the format presents a decade of correspondence between Antonio, initially a teen arrested for murder, and his sweetheart, Natasha. Both from tiny, dark apartments in Harlem, they are passionately in love and lust but destined to walk very different roads. Eschewing Walker's more dialectal language, Buckhanon opts for writing that is best called "lite," suggesting New York City black speech but not so authentically as to compromise mainstream audience potential. Those aware of how unlikely success is for young women in Harlem and felons in and out of lockup might take issue with Buckhanon's somewhat sanitized depiction. Others may eagerly anticipate a TV adaptation of it.

Whitney Scott

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- Dorothy Allison, National Book Award Finalist and author of *Bastard Out of Carolina*

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"A modern love story that is real and raw in its humor and tragedy."

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