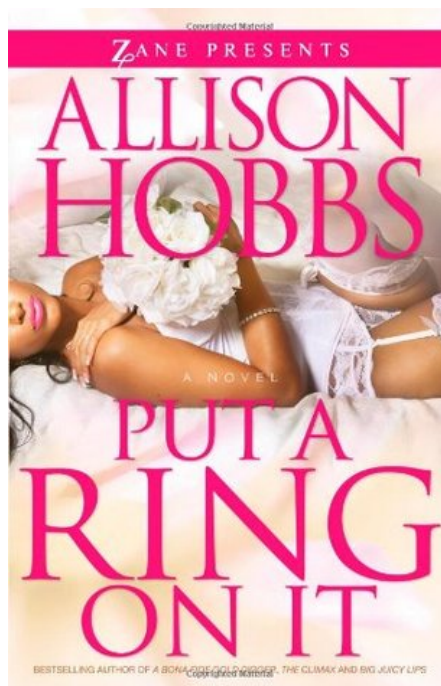




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From the bestselling author of *Double Dippin'* and *Big Juicy Lips*—a story about three friends with three different paths to the same goal: a husband, despite the dismal odds.

Desperate to be married, Vangie, Nivea, and Harlow are all on a quest to get to the altar. Dumped by her economically challenged fiancé, Nivea begins a destructive course of action, as she begins to self medicate with excessive amounts of liquor.

When Vangie's deadbeat baby daddy resurfaces and begins courting her with unrestrained zeal and spending quality time with their young son, she thinks that they have finally healed their troubled relationship.

After a horrifying childhood, Harlow believes she has finally found true love when she becomes engaged to savvy businessman, Drake Morgan. But Drake may have a secret that will destroy Harlow's only chance at happiness.

Though holding distinct views and relying on diverse strategies, will any of these women find love, happiness, and commitment or will they discover that happily ever after is an unattainable dream?

Put a Ring on It Details

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Allie says

I don't understand how this book has all these good reviews. There is nothing good about this book, storyline wise or writing wise. All the dialogue in this book is ghetto and annoying. I only read through the whole thing to see if it got any better and it didn't.

Camille says

Spicy!

Brandi Armstead says

What a journey

The book was a little all over the place, but in the end it made sense. I look forward to reading the sequel.

Kim says

Couldn't get into it.

Teresa Jones says

I liked the book it was a fast read, but Nivea was doing to many silly things, just to get married -- Nivea and Vangie should have been okay with being single

Bridget says

I think this is my second time reading this book, but the story lines are good, fast paced, and so titillating. It's an urban page turner.

K.augustine says

Put a Ring on It is about three friends desperate to walk down the aisle. This novel showcases clearly how distressed they are to have a husband, even if that means their marriage will be miserable. Each of these

women has issues, each worse than the others. We observe these want-to-be brides go after what they want, and the obstacles in their way.

Harlow is certainly the most likable of the three as she had a hard life, and does not do anything highly disagreeable. Harlow was raised in the foster care system after her drug addicted mother, Jody, died before her eyes. The things Jody subjected Harlow to as a young child, were heinous and incomprehensible. Harlow is tortured inside by keeping her sordid past to herself, but she is terrified that telling her wealthy boyfriend Drake will have him recoiling in disgust, and running for the hills. She is extremely hopeful that a proposal is on the horizon, but wonders if he will actually still love her and go through with a wedding after she reveals her true self.

Single mom Vangie is struggling to keep her household afloat and is increasingly growing frustrated with the struggles of raising her son alone. His father, Shawn, left her for another woman soon after their son Yuri was born, and Vangie has grown used to him not paying child support, and infrequently dropping by unannounced to visit. Suddenly and completely unexpectedly, Shawn does a one eighty and becomes a responsible father as well as a loving boyfriend. Vangie does not waste any time falling back in love with him, and the second they start functioning like a family again she demands they marry. They seem to finally have a good thing going, but will she ruin it with her incessant obsession to have a ring?

Nivea Nivea Nivea, the most troubled soul of them all. She seems to have a psychotic break after finding out her fiancé has a secret baby on the side. To begin with, she was settling for less just to finally be married, but it is still a huge shock when initially she is willing to forgive him for the sake of not canceling their wedding plans. After being devastated by this news, Nivea starts down a path of drunken demolition that gains momentum as engagements and happy news is announced by friends and family. Rebelling promiscuously, no man is off limits, not even her little sister's man. Intelligent, successful, and poised, Nivea becomes unrecognizable as life as she knows slowly spirals out of control.

There is more than meets the eye with these enthrallingly crafted characters. Unimaginable drama, and twist and turns wait between the pages of this read. This novel is not solely about three women's campaign of marriage, as one might think. The story lines flow in several directions as we are introduced to innumerable characters, all the while engrossing and, as cliché as it might sound, page turning. The author did a great job, and without a doubt there will be a part two.

Shannan Harper says

not a bad read about 3 women who happen to be friends and how they individually manage their love lives

Babs Olujare says

This book was...cliche. Few spelling errors kind of pissed me off and the ending was horrid. However, I give it three stars for the simple fact that it was very realistic, the sex was vivid and the storyline had some kind of flow to it. Until the very end of course.

Carmen Blalock says

Even though this is a Zane Presents publication, Allison Hobbs is her own woman with a style of her own and she is absolutely FIERCE!!!!!! Put A Ring On It is 1000% pure unadulterated drama and you will throw your book across the room a couple of times but you will ALWAYS race over to pick it back up to finish!!!!

You have 3 women who are friends and are having marriage issues like no other! First you have Nivea and Eric who are the ultimate opposites attracts couple. Nivea is college educated, making 6 figures, has a very nice house, beautiful company car and comes from an upstanding family where as Eric is an common blue-collar factory worker with nothing more than his Highlander and his apartment that is a dump (according to Nivea). When Nivea discovers that Eric has been living a secret life, how will she deal with it and will they still be married?

Next you have Harlow and Drake who are the perfect cute couple. Harlow worked for the luxury car dealership that Drake owns and when they hit it off she became basically a kept woman and LOVES it!!!! When memories from Harlow's past start to haunt her, how will it effect your current life with Drake and will she ever be able to share her past to work towards her future?

Then there is Vangie, a single mother with her 5-year old son Yuri. Vangie has to rob Peter to pay Paul but in the end she makes it all work out. Shawn, Yuri's sperm-donor wants to visit to talk to Vangie but she is still so hurt by him not being in Yuri's life that she almost missed out on a chance of a lifetime - to bring stability to her and Yuri's life! When the wedding bug is flying around and biting everyone, Vangie gets bit and starts to make plans for her and Shawn but will her fairytale come true?

Put A Ring On It is a keep-you-glued-to-your-seat, high-energy book that will have you screaming at the characters and their antics but in the end, you will be pleased with the final outcome. Allison Hobbs has brought you into a world of 3 women who on any day could be any of us! Great Job and keep up the great work!!!!

Patrice says

This book just could not catch my attention. The beginning was good, I don't know where it lost me at. There were parts in the middle that were great but not one of my favorites from Ms. Hobbs.

K. says

Excellent book. This book stuck out to me from the moment I picked it up because it explores a taboo topic. The topic of women pressuring men to "put a ring on it" (marry them) and women who want a relationship and want to be happy but the horrid experiences that are embedded in their subconscious due to their conscious experiences don't allow them to be happy.

I enjoyed this book. I like the fact that this was not the average sex, drugs, money and junk book. I like the actual stories and concepts in the book. I really enjoyed it. I hope Allison Hobbs keeps up this type of literature. Love it.

Author Lesley Hal says

Put a ring on it was a good read. However, I feel that the story didn't live up to it's title. There was a lot of drama going on that made the book a page turner, but nothing was really resolved with Nivea and it seemed rushed in the ending especially with Vangie. I would've liked to have found out exactly what Drake's deal was with the blood diamonds, otherwise, that portion of the book seemed out of place. Nivea's character really turned my stomach besides being cheated on and dumped what was her reason for being so vile with everyone else? Nonetheless, her character was exciting. Nivea and Vangie did have more to do with the title than Harlow. Why did Nivea's mom treat her like a leper and the father allowed it? What happened with Knox and Courtney? Ronica coming back into the story was for what? What's the back story on Vangie and Nivea, we got a rather lengthy one on Harlow which to me could've been summed up in one chapter or less or her story could've been another book on it's own. What did Jody do to cause the fire? Better yet, what really happened with all of the character's in this book?

This is why I am on the fence. If there is a sequel in the works, then OMG, it's going to be explosive because everything will be revealed. I love Allison Hobbs' style of writing, steamy scenes and over the top dramatic plots. I can't wait for the next novel to drop!

Kitani says

Harlow, Vangie, and Nivea all had some type of issue. With Nivea I was hoping there was more to why she was so bitter. I understood Courtney was a brat but I'm sure there was more to why she felt how she did. Eric pulled a fast one on Nivea and he should've just kept it real with her. Dyeesha was doing entirely too much! I couldn't even take her serious at all. Nivea took things to another level. I couldn't believe she would intentionally hurt those that did nothing to her. Vangie and Harlow both should've beat Nivea's ass at lunch because she was taking her issues out on everybody else. Knox and his last role play had me dying laughing because I thought for sure everything he was saying was true. I didn't even feel bad for Nivea because she became reckless and that's why she caught herself in a messed up situation. Vangie wanted Shawn to step up and once he did, it seemed as if it wasn't enough. The only one she should've blamed was herself. She expected too much and became vindictive after things didn't go as she wanted it to. She was being selfish and really didn't take into consideration how her wanting more would complicate things for Yuri. Learning of Harlow's past was crazy because she had to endure so much. I liked Drake and I understood Harlow wanted to know some things dealing with his business but she needed to learn when to leave well enough alone. I applauded Drake for changing the ring once Harlow expressed how she felt about what she found. Now Ronica was overdoing things! I wish Harlow had the opportunity to find out more from Ronica in regards to what her mom told her happened. Now it's time to crack open the next one to see what more the girls are up to and if Nivea and Vangie find someone to put a ring on it.

OOSA says

Going to Chapel

Harlow, Nivea and Vangie are friends with the same goal - to walk down the aisle; by any means necessary. Harlow, a beautiful woman, is engaged to her dream guy. Her only concern is if he will still want to make the trip to the altar if he finds out about her sordid past. When she gets a glimpse into some of his business dealings, she has to ask herself if he really is a dream.

Nivea, a successful businesswoman, is planning an extravagant wedding to her blue-collar fiancé, Eric. She has paid for everything, including her ring, when she discovers he has a secret life. She has to decide to accept this revelation or be upstaged by her younger sister.

Vangie, a single mother, is lonely and slightly jealous of her friends' pending nuptials. She wishes Shawn, her son's father, would get his act together and help her raise their son. It seems Vangie's wish comes true when Shawn starts contributing more and rekindles their relationship. The only problem is he doesn't believe in marriage. Vangie has to decide if playing house is enough.

"Put a Ring On It" is well-written and flows nicely. However, it is another story about desperate, middle aged, funny named black woman who seem to think they will be made whole if they have a man. I was not impressed. I enjoyed Harlow's side story better than the woes of the woman trying to get down the aisle. I give it a three.

Reviewed by: Alicia
