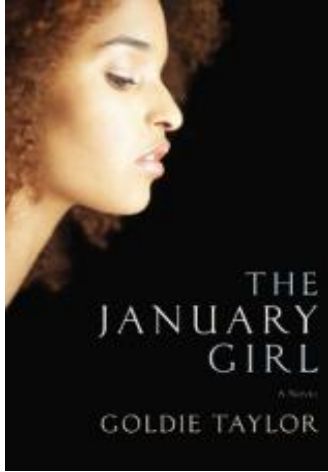


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## About the Book

Thandy knew that Dr. Jackson Gabrielle was different the minute they met. And indeed, Jack knew that this enchanting creature was meant for him --- despite the fact that he was already married. Thandy and Jack's decade-long affair could have continued indefinitely --- the hard-working attorney and the high-profile surgeon scraping together moments for each other out of their crazy schedules --- if Thandy hadn't learned from Jack's bitter wife that he had taken up with yet another woman. Thandy moves on, leaving Jack in Atlanta for a big job in Chicago. Jack, used to getting everything he has ever wanted with ease, is forced to figure out what it takes to hold on to something he truly loves. And Thandy, having fought her whole life for everything she has achieved, discovers the true measure of her strength. But fate intervenes and sets into motion a series of events leading to a shocking climax that will change both of their lives forever.

## Discussion Guide

1. What about Thandy's childhood do you believe informed her choices as an adult?
2. At the start of the book, Jack is called "a man of exteriors." Does this change? If so, when does it occur?
3. Extramarital affairs are prevalent in today's society. Why do you believe Jack was unfaithful to Etienne?
4. Yvetta and Thandy were estranged for much of the novel. What lessons does their relationship hold for mothers? For daughters?
5. Etienne is not a major character in the novel. Why do you think the author did not include more about her?
6. How is Thandy's behavior at work similar to that of her personal life?

7. Why do you think Thandy forewent calling the police after the theft by an employee was discovered?
8. Why do you think Etienne gave Thandy money after the fire? Would you have done the same?
9. Did Jack love Thandy?
10. Did the people in the story get what they deserved?

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