

# MISTRESS ME by VENESHA

Everybody plays the fool sometimes...

Alonzo says he's looking for someone with Channing's negotiating savvy and expertise; however he's really seeking a personal playmate. Married for six years Alonzo initiates a five year love affair with his publicist and together they conceive three children.

When Alonzo's barren wife Sheila Butler follows her intuition and hires a private investigator to get the drop on her suspected cheating spouse she is disgustingly surprised to learn that her husband's mistress is Channing L. Golden one of the biggest undercover hoes in the industry.

MISTRESS ME is a tale of the highly coveted life of the sports industry elite and manipulating socialites within the world of the NBA. Experience an up-close and personal full court press in this tangled web of infidelities, backstabbing and catastrophe filled sexcapades, from an insider's point of view.

## Reviews for 3x Literary Award Winning Mistress Me

### Ballers, Wives and Mistresses...

**M**istress Me by Venesha read like an expose' about NBA players, their wives and mistresses. There were times while reading, I wondered if the story was based on actual events. Channing L. Golden is a beautiful, educated and smart young woman. She works as a publicist to basketball players and can write her own ticket. However, her claim to fame is how many ballers she has bedded and her sexual expertise. At the dawn of the book, she finds herself and her three children being asked to vacate her home because Shelia, the wife of Alonzo `Zoe' Butler, the father of her children, has discovered that she is his mistress. After spending six years with him, he wants her gone as soon as their love nest is discovered.

I had a certain amount of difficulty understanding how a woman as smart and savvy as Channing could be caught up in a situation such as this. Was it because she was orphaned at an early age and separated from her twin brother, Chase? Or was it simply about money and possessions. I could never really grasp the reasoning because she had excellent foster parents who insured she had a good life and was well educated. She also found her brother in their teen years and resumed a close relationship and once they graduated from college, Chase became an NBA player and provided well for his twin sister. What I took from the story is that often people will do things until they know better or learn better.

**Mistress Me was a fast-paced contemporary read, laced with vivid sex scenes, violence between women over men and the sometimes, extravagant, over-the-top lifestyle of NBA players. I recommend the book to those interested in a novel that reads like it was taken straight from the headlines.**

**Angelia Menchan  
APOOO BookClub**

### **Great Debut From An Up-And-Coming Author!**

**C**hanning L. Golden is a sexy, powerful publicist to the world's top athletes. She's also become one of the freaks of the industry behind closed doors until she meets top NBA player Alonzo Butler. Alonzo wants Channing to take care of not only his professional needs but his personal needs as well. Now, five years and three children later, Channing is still sneaking around with Alonzo until his wife Sheila finds out. Channing has to decide if Alonzo can be trusted and is he really worth fighting for. Sheila is beyond disgusted when she finds out that her husband is cheating and has children with Channing of all people. Sheila plans revenge but will she get more than she bargained for?

**Mistress Me is an exciting debut novel by Venesha. This author gives you a behind the scenes look into the glitz and glamorous world of professional athletes. Readers will be immediately swept away with the non-stop drama and action in this story. Channing was a character that you'll definitely have a love/hate relationship with. Instead of the using the usual cities such as Atlanta or New York, this author used Milwaukee as her backdrop to this story which was a welcome change. There is also a unique twist at the end of this novel that will shock you. Mistress Me is an exhilarating page-turner that won't disappoint. With this novel, Venesha is ready to take the book industry by storm.**

**Reviewed by Radiah Hubbert  
of Urban Reviews**

### **Venesha changed the game**

**W**hile other urban fiction writers were creating tales of drug dealers and killers, Venesha breaks out with a story about a woman who is messing around with a married NBA player. Now, that was all I needed to crack open the book but the drama, drama, and more drama kept me reading until the end. This story is well-written and innovative. I think it's an excellent debut and I imagine Venesha's off to a great career.

**Urban Fiction Journalist**

### **All Is Fair in Love and Basketball**

**V**enesha has taken the game of being a sideline ho to the next level with her stunning debut novel, *Mistress Me*. A candid look at behind the scenes action, this Hollyhood tale is filled with drama, action, lust and more designer clothing than the law should allow. Read along as the lives of some of the movers and shakers in the NBA world take a whirlwind ride to hell and back leaving the reader to ask: "Is all really fair in Love and Basketball..." you're damn right! Venesha is definitely one to watch in 2008 as I look forward to reading her next release, *Notorious*.

**C. J. Domino The Author of "SIDELINE HO"**

### **Slam Dunk!!!!!!!**

**M**ISTRESS ME by VENESHA IS CERTAINLY ALL-STAR WORTHY!!!! THIS DEBUT AUTHOR WRITES A STORY THAT READS WAY TOO CLOSE TO REALITY. CHANNING GOLDEN IS THE MISTRESS AND MOST SOUGHT AFTER PUBLICIST IN THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD AND NBA. AFTER MEETING MR. ALL-STAR HIMSELF HER CAREER GOES INTO OVERTIME AND SO DOES HER PERSONAL LIFE. CHANNING AND ALONZO BEGIN GETTING IT ON OFF THE COURT...BUT WHAT ABOUT HIS WIFE???? NEVER FEAR SHEILA IS ALWAYS NEAR. SHEILA HIS WIFE FINDS OUT ABOUT THE LOVE AFFAIR AND IT'S A SLAM DUNK FOR THE REST OF THE NOVEL! THE NOVEL IS EXCITING, RACEY, REALLY REAL, AND THE PAGES TURN THEMSELVES TO THE FABULOUS SONG (WE PLAYIN BASKETBALL BY CURTIS BLOW). THE AUTHOR GIVES YOU A COURTSIDE SEAT INTO THE LIVES OF OUR BELOVED AND HONORED NBA ALL-STARS AND THE WOMEN WHO LOVE THEM. MISTRESS HAS AN ENDING LIKE NO OTHER BOOK...THERE'S AN OVERTIME/ALTERNATE ENDING WHICH WILL LEAVE ANY HIP HOP LIT READER BOUNCING THE BALL FOR PART 2. I GUESS IT'S TRUE VENESHA IS URBAN FICTION'S NEWEST "IT GIRL"!!!! LOVED THE BOOK AND CAN'T WAIT FOR MORE!!!!

Writer Girl

### **If Loving You is Wrong**

**M**ISTRESS ME by Venesha is the story of Channing L. Golden, the go-to publicist for professional athletes, thanks to her first round draft pick twin, Chase, and her love interest, Cartier Smith. As president of Talk to Me Right publicity and management agency, in addition to her good looks, sex appeal and charisma, Channing has the world at her feet. Alonzo "Zoe" Butler is one of the VIPs of the NBA. He hires Channing as his publicist and manager; however, their professional relationship evolves into a five year affair and three children. Alonzo's wife hires a private investigator when she suspects her husband is cheating and is shocked to learn of his family with Channing.

**MISTRESS ME** is steamy ride through the life of the elite. Venesha has exposed the tangled web of infidelity, backstabbing and sexcapades from an insider's point of view. Although I identified with the message of the novel, the author takes a round about way to get to the point which at times is frustrating. However, I found the plot to be very interesting and entertaining.

**MISTRESS ME is a good book for those who believe money is the only key to happiness, because it explores the lengths women go in disrespecting themselves and their bodies just to hold on to some money. If you know someone who is into this lifestyle, MISTRESS ME would be the perfect self-help manual for them.**

**Reviewed by Katrina  
of The RAWSISTAZ Reviewers**

## **DISILGOLD**SOUL!** LITERARY REVIEW: MISTRESS ME BY VENESHA**

Reviewed by Heather Covington

**F**irst there was “Secret Society” and “Diary of a Mistress” by YOUunity Guild Award winning authoress, Miasha (Simon & Schuster), now Dream Relations represents another heavily anticipated novel from (Polka Dotz & Stripez Publishing) entitled, **MISTRESS ME**, by debut author **VENESHA**..

**MISTRESS ME** takes readers on a scandalously and flavorful ride of infidelity, mixed with dangerous sexcapades and deceit as Sheila Butler, wife of Alonzo “Zoe” Butler, a hotshot basketball superstar, finds out someone else has been keeping company with her husband.

**Who is this secret mistress who’s got charm, good looks, and the kind of business savvy that is everything Alonzo needs on his team?**

**Meet Channing L. Golden, owner of Talk 2 Me Right Publicity. She’s using what she’s got to get to the top and quickly becomes Alonzo’s publicist turned wifey. Shelia’s suspicions of a relationship and insecurities force her to hire a private investigator to find out the truth. What happens next, you won’t believe! A FASCINATING STORYTELLER has arrived!**

**MISTRESS ME is bound to be a DisilgoldSOUL Magazine Bestselling Hit of 2007.**

**“VENESHA’S DEBUT LITERATESS PEN IS ENGAGING, MIND BLOWING and HIGH- ENERGY DRAMA PACKED!”**

***It’s Venesha’s time to shine!***

**Heather Covington  
Editor-in-Chief of Disilgold**SOUL!****

President of the YOUunity Guild of America