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## **Invisible Life** By E.Lynn Harris Bibliography

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## Editorial Review

### Amazon.com Review

E. Lynn Harris's track record as a bestselling novelist began here, with the story of Raymond Tyler, who, after years of questioning his sexual identity, finds himself torn between a married male lover and Nicole, the talented actress with whom he imagines himself able to spend the rest of his life. With a rich cast of supporting characters and emotionally wrenching plot twists, this debut proved popular enough in a self-published edition to catch the attention of Doubleday, which bought the rights to *Invisible Life* and has published each of Harris's four subsequent novels, including two sequels, *Just As I Am* and *Abide with Me*.

### From Library Journal

This trilogy follows Raymond Tyler Jr. from his college days through his years as a successful young attorney. It is in college that he encounters his first homosexual experience, at a time when he has a steady girlfriend. When he takes his first job in New York City, he settles into a bisexual lifestyle but becomes engaged to Nicole, the other central figure in the series, who ambitiously pursues a show business career while searching for the perfect man. Raymond ultimately chooses a gay lifestyle but unlike some of his friends, who are comfortable with their sexual preference, he reflects on his choice. Harris (*And This Too Shall Pass*) has created a body of diverse characters, a group of friends and family members who admirably demonstrate a continuity of love and support. This is a work about young middle-class black people who, regardless of sexual preference, are looking for the perfect partner. For those who are gay or bisexual, there is the added pressure of disapproval from many corners. Michael Boatman's reading in all three novels is dynamic. He ably portrays the author's colorful characters, while Brenda Braxton takes the role of Nicole in *Just As I Am*. The story moves along and keeps the listener absorbed. The three tapes would make an interesting choice for adult fiction collections. ACatherine Swenson, Norwich Univ., Northfield, VT  
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### Review

Critical Acclaim for **Invisible Life**:

Selected in **Vibe** magazine's Fifth Anniversary Edition as one of its favorite books "on race, gender, and rules you must not live without."

"A quick, entertaining and thought-provoking read--This is a compelling story that commands and holds the attention until the final page is turned."

--**Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

"Black Americans--have been given a rare opportunity with this book to broaden their understanding of lifestyles like or unlike their own. Mr. Harris has stimulated a dialogue within the African-American community, desperately needed for so long, about the complicated issues of sexuality."

--**Southern Voice**

"Powerful and vividly told--the story is compelling and leaves the reader wanting more."

--**Lambda Book Report**

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**Edna Kissel:**

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**Andrew Joy:**

Invisible Life can be one of your starter books that are good idea. All of us recommend that straight away because this book has good vocabulary which could increase your knowledge in vocabulary, easy to understand, bit entertaining however delivering the information. The writer giving his/her effort to place every word into joy arrangement in writing Invisible Life nevertheless doesn't forget the main position, giving the reader the hottest in addition to based confirm resource facts that maybe you can be considered one of it. This great information can easily drawn you into completely new stage of crucial thinking.

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