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When the three of them meet, their lives are at a crossroad. And as the years progress, from the 1980s to the present day, they are challenged by drug addiction, fame, secrets from the past, sickness, betrayal, and the darkest things women can face. One of them won't survive. But what will be the lasting legacy of their friendship? *Better Than I Know Myself* is a novel of heartache, triumph, tears, and the unshakeable bonds among women.



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Editorial Review

From the Back Cover

#1 *Essence* Bestselling Authors Virginia DeBerry and Donna Grant's novels are:

"Powerful." --*Kirkus Reviews*

"Refreshingly honest." --*Publishers Weekly*

"Engaging." --*Essence*

"Vividly realistic." --*Midwest Book Review*

"Hard to put down." --*American Woman*

More Praise for Virginia DeBerry and Donna Grant:

"I laughed, I cried, I identified!!!"

- Sybil Wilkes, The Tom Joyner Morning Show, on *Better Than I Know Myself*

"They're back! Virginia DeBerry and Donna Grant, authors of one of my favorite books, *Tryin' to Sleep in the Bed You Made*, have returned with *Better Than I know Myself*. It has a prologue that grabs you, a story that holds you, and characters that you will care about."

- Clara Villarosa, Bookseller, The Hue-man Bookstore & Cafe, Harlem on *Better Than I Know Myself*

"Strong, colorful characters distinguish DeBerry and Grant's warm and moving African-American family drama...moves gracefully between the 1950s and the present day, and an unusually varied cast of minor characters add spice to the full-bodied tale."

- *Publishers Weekly* on *Far From the Tree*

"Keenly drawn characters...a seamless work...a winning book about real, flawed people."

- *QBRL The Black Book Review* on *Far From the Tree*

"With sassy dialogue and a suspenseful narrative, this novel whips through its prologue and 23 well-written chapters."

- *Dallas Morning News* on *Far From the Tree*

"Captivating and compelling...brave, realistic, and touching."

- *Booklist* on *Far From the Tree*

About the Author

Virginia DeBerry and **Donna Grant** are the bestselling authors of *Far from the Tree* and *Tryin' to Sleep in the Bed You Made*. *Tryin' to Sleep in the Bed You Made* won the Merit Award for fiction from the black caucus of the American Library Association, the Book of the Year award from Blackboard, and the New Author of the Year Award from the Go On Girl Book Club. Virginia and Donna first met while working as models, and what should have been a rivalry ended up as a decades-long friendship. Virginia lives in New Jersey, and Donna lives in Brooklyn, New York.

From [AudioFile](#)

Lisa Renee Pitts is a marvel! Her depiction of a large cast of characters is remarkable. She lends distinct, expressive voices to lifelong friends Carmen, Jewel, and Regina but saves her best efforts for minor characters. Randy the rapist bears a mocking tone, Jewel's mother a haughty one, and Jewel's father a world-weary, gravelly quality. Pitts's strong characterizations make it easy to relate to the protagonists' hopes and struggles. Her narration of the ups and downs of these women's lives is marred only by the frequent odd pauses in her reading. Still, listeners will find it difficult to turn off their CD players. J.J.B. © AudioFile 2005, Portland, Maine-- *Copyright © AudioFile, Portland, Maine*

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