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"Bernice L. McFadden is one of the best contemporary literary writers out there today...Her brilliance, her talent as a novelist, is the very life she breathes into all of her characters."

--**Terry McMillan**, from the Introduction

"Bernice L. McFadden was one of the best writers to emerge in the post-*Waiting to Exhale* explosion that introduced at least a dozen Black female novelists. *Loving Donovan* has generated near-cult status among readers. After more than a decade since it appeared, *Donovan* is being reissued. How fitting that Terry McMillan has written a new introduction. If you've read *Donovan* before, you will fall in love all over again. And if this is your first time, prepare yourself for an intense romance between an enigmatic antihero and a heroine who will feel like your homegirl."

--**Essence Magazine**

"*Loving Donovan* is brilliant. By exploring the depth of her characters, the novel transforms what, on the surface, may appear to be the run-of-the-mill, paperback sentimental, tear-jerking coupling, into an understanding, unflinching, expertly told tale of human nature."

--**AALBC**

One of *Library Journal's* 25 Key Indie Fiction Titles for Fall 2014-Winter 2015!

"A two-time Hurston/Wright Legacy Award finalist also twice honored by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, McFadden presents a love story starring Campbell and Donovan--both from shattered homes, both still hopeful, and both shaped more by history than they can imagine. Don't miss."

--**Library Journal Prepub Alert**

"*Loving Donovan* firmly establishes McFadden among the ranks of those few writers of whom you constantly beg for more."

--**Black Issues Book Review**

"McFadden is clearly adept in keeping the reader entertained, captivated, and on our toes to try to figure out what's going to happen next. The rich characters, life situations, and language all wrapped up in such a small book and saying so much is a feat."

--**Brown Girl Reading**

Praise for Bernice L. McFadden:

"McFadden works a kind of miracle--not only do her characters retain their appealing humanity; their story eclipses the bonds of history to offer continuous surprises."

--**New York Times**, on *Gathering of Waters*

"Searing and expertly imagined."

--**Toni Morrison**, on *The Warmest December*

With a new introduction by Terry McMillan.

The first section of McFadden's unconventional love story belongs to Campbell. Despite being born to a brokenhearted mother and a faithless father, Campbell still believes in the power of love...if she can ever find it. Living in the same neighborhood, but unknown to Campbell until a chance meeting brings them together, is Donovan, the "little man" of a shattered home--a family torn apart by anger and bitterness.

In the face of daunting obstacles, Donovan dreams of someday marrying, raising a family, and playing in the NBA. But deep inside, Campbell and Donovan live with the histories that have shaped their lives. What they discover--together and apart--forms the basis of this compelling, sensual, and surprising novel.

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