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### Allison says

This book was a happy accidental find. I was scanning the shelves at the library and stumbled across this one. It was an easy read, and I enjoyed getting to see into the heart of Alicia Keys.

Celebrities always seem to be these larger than life figures, but when you strip all that away they are just as human as the next person.

Being vulnerable is not easy and I appreciated her willingness to let people into her world through this book of poems and lyrics.

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### Jozef Blazej says

After hearing Alicia Keys perform "POW" at a poetry slam, I decided to check this book out. POW is by far the best poem in the book, and definitely the deepest. The vast majority of the poems in the collection are cheesy love poems. A lot of the passages are meant to be sung. I have faith that they are beautiful when applied to music, but on the page they appear flat and mundane. Honestly, this collection disappointed me a little. However, if Ms. Keys decided to write a novel or autobiography, I would definitely be interested.

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### Danine says

How do I put this? I love Alicia Keys. I love her music. She is a lovely and talented woman. A humanitarian and writes against how the media exploits women. She is an academy award winner several times over and she is musically talented and educated. This book, however, was an extreme disappointment to me. These poems and lyrics go well with her music but on paper they are trite, bland and anything but deep. I was writing poetry like this in seventh grade about my teenage crush, Roger Baldwin. Here is a stanza from "Is it Insane?"

Is it insane?

Thought you'd be my king

I'd be your queen

it would be complete with a wedding ring

was that just me imagining?

Wha? You see what I mean? The only "hard" words in this book were 'evolution' and 'purgatory.' I will continue to buy her music but it's painful to read these cliche rhyming lyrics without the music.

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### Marlin Jenkins says

Alicia Keys is a brilliant musician and singer/songwriter. (As I Am is one of my favorite albums, and The Diary of Alicia Keys is also wonderful and memorable.) But this is a brilliance that doesn't quite transfer well to poetry. While I appreciated getting to read some of the thoughts and inspirations that went into the

work, and it's super cool to have the lyrics from her first two albums in print, the poetry that comprises the first/major part of this book feels like poems from a high school girl's journal. The themes are common and expected: coming of age, belonging, heartbreak, and learning to love oneself. And these themes in themselves are not bad ones to write on, but the poems lack craft: they're trite with expected/easy rhymes and no exploration or insight into the themes.

This collection possesses power for young people--especially young women struggling with how to express themselves, love themselves, and understand the world around them in a way that allows them to build and retain integrity. Therefore, I'd recommend this book to teenage poets, or maybe to readers looking for very accessible poetry and/or hardcore Alicia Keys fans. Sadly, the reach of this collection doesn't really extend far past those demographics, and the brilliance of Keys' music absolutely eclipses the sub-par poetry in *Tears for Water*.

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### **Stacey says**

this book is really great. it has poems that she wrote about her own feelings. i like the one called beckoning green because there's a part that says beckoning green  
come to me you whisper  
roll in me, play in me  
be free.

i feel like that little part means a lot. and her poems kinda gives you lessons or it shows that even though she is famous she feels the same way we do.

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### **Suziey says**

Half poems, half song lyrics. While I did like one or two poems, I didn't really connect with the book as a whole. In a few months, I will remember absolutely nothing about this book because it made no impact on me.

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### **Urvi Shah says**

This is an ideal read for a day you feel like sitting by the window seal on a rainy day. Definitely perfect for a day in Vancouver or a train ride.

The book is an easy read and only takes half an hour. Simply love "Golden Child".

Enjoy the read!

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### **Alice De Deken says**

Normally I'm not very into poetry, but I really liked the themes that she used. I am a huge fan of Alicia Keys, so I think that this is the main reason why I liked it. I cannot judge about the poetry itself because I know nothing about poetry. I can only say that I liked reading some of her thoughts and that I think it is well-written.

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### **Desiree G. says**

So far I am really starting to like this book. It's about her life I guess and all the struggles she has had to face. Every day I will read at least one of her poems, in class at home any wear. I really see my self as a reader improving on a lot of things. But one thing that really sticks out to me is that I see my self caring more for story's and poems (such as the poems I am reading with my class and in this book I'm reading alone) and other things like that. Even if it's fiction or non-fiction. And I hope I get to read more book's such as this one, I really like it. And I'm glad Alisha Keys decided to write these poems and share them with people like me!

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### **Jessika says**

Not only can this girl sing, but lord, can she write. I loved this book. Her poetry was so deep, but not so deep that the reader couldn't feel her pains/ joys/ concerns. For being so young, I think this woman is incredible. I've always been a huge fan of her music, but I especially loved this little inside look into her mind. As much as I liked the lyrics section at the back of the book, I've listened to those songs so many times that I've known those words for quite a while. I have to say, I did not want the section with her poems to end! What a fresh voice she has. The thing is, because she's relatively young, it was much easier for me to relate to what she was saying/feeling. I loved each poem in its own rights, but my favorites were "Golden Child," "P.O.W.," "Unfulfilled Keys," "The Shore (You Sure?), " "Cosmopolitan Woman," "Still Water," "Angel," "Such a Strong Word," and "Everywhere is Nowhere." I would highly recommend this book to her fans or to anyone looking for some modern, heartfelt poetry. There's always the fear of putting yourself out there, in a personal way, which is what I think that Alicia did with this book.

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### **Jenna Pasquayak says**

i laernt that evan tho alcia keys is famous she has been thru a lot like me ..if you really want to get to know me and a alicia read this book i realated to half the stuff in this book mostly all of it ..it was kinda wierd how to dirrent people can feel the same way..mayb we aint that different after all

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### **Sarah Hannah says**

this is a collection of alicia keys' poems and lyrics from her first two studio albums (they were never printed in the liner notes). obviously, keys has talent, as evidenced by her popular (and also some never commercially-released) songs. for that alone, i would recommend this book to her fans.

the poems are also good, although in some cases you can see why they remained unpublished poems and did not become published songs. but still, keys' voice is unique and i enjoyed the book.

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### **Angela Auten says**

Tears for Water: Songbook of Poems and Lyrics Review

Book Rating: 5 stars out of 5.

I'm not a big poetry fan, but I do like Alicia Keys a lot. So I read the book. Her poetry was very deep. Sometimes feelings can really cut you to the core. I was able to feel something when I was reading this. I also liked that she used her lyrics to some of her popular songs in this book. While I was reading them in my head I was trying not to sing them. My favorite song by her has to be If I Ain't Got You. I also like that she explained why she wrote some of them.

I'm actually glad I read this book. This book inspired me to share some of my poems. I wrote a lot of poetry when I was in high school. I also wrote one in the middle of this year which is a rarity. Thank you, Alicia Keys for inspiring me to share some of my work. :)

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### **Joalby Phoenix says**

Dear Alicia Keys,

I read your book. You don't get to throw together random phrases and pass it off as poetry. That's not how it works. Worst poetry compilation ever.

Joalby

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### **Winter Sophia Rose says**

Inspirational, Deep & Soulful Poetry!

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