

Brown comes back hard-core with her junior effort *Broken Silence* from Def Jam Records. This album is full of rhetorical lyrics, feistiness, hot beats and hooks that will make you think. Brown even introduces Trinidad yard talk, with a perfected accent.

Keeping things "hood femininely" is what Foxy does best, representing Brooklyn to the fullest, along with Prada, Gucci and Fendi shot-outs. She manages to address every aspect of a rap diva with this presentation. In 'Fallin' she implies her independence with the hook, "don't hate me 'cause I'm ballin', nor save me if I'm fallin'." She also clowns her competitors with no mercy with lyrics like; "there's only one other broad that got skills, and she's alright but she's not real," and "Barbie dresser, you're just my successor." Her classic delivery makes it impossible to dislike this album.

Now do not get it twisted, this will not be another woman explosive *deja vu* of her past efforts. Although there are some traces of the raunchy image that put her on the scene, the feisty lyrics are just right for the mix. With appearances from CNN, Mystikal, Kelis, Ron Isley and a host of other rising talent, this proves to be a high contender for female rap album of the year. So don't sleep on *Broken Silence*, because it has the perfect blend of hooks, beats that knock, hot lyrics and a dash of Trini-yard slang.

Don't Play This Game

By John Cleveland
"Two Can Play That Game"

The movie, "Two Can Play at That Game" focuses on schooling 'chicken heads' around the world about how to avenge their womanhood, keep their independence and maintain a stable relationship with a man.

The movie is about the struggles women go through when their man is cheating on them. Throughout the movie, Shante (Vivica Fox) stresses her opinions on how to keep a man in check by explaining to the audience the rules and regulations that women should go through when they are experiencing problems in their relationships. Although Shante portrays the all-knowing sense of relationships, she ends up having her own problems.

The movie presents a very childish view on relationships. Throughout the movie the male figure is constantly abused and

teased by female tendencies. It is ultimately a battle between the sexes about who controls the relationship. Shante's effort to prove that women control today's relationships falls short when she fails to get back together with her passionate lover, Keith (Morris Chestnut). This movie hates so much on the male ego and for

that receives two thumbs up on the player-hater poll.

I strongly suggest that all men seeking to take their lady friends out on a date to the movies to see "Jeepers Creepers" instead, because "Two Can Play That Game" will have your girl knowing how to work the game.

THE FABULOUS FIVE: FIVE HOT BOOKS TO CHECK OUT THIS FALL By Joy McNeil

There is continuous never-ending reading to do for class. But this fall, take out some free time and pick up a black book. These sensational books are a must this fall. Check it out!

1. "A Day Late and a Dollar Short" By Terry McMillan

Meet the Price clan. From the author of the controversial *Waiting to Exhale* comes another entertaining installment that you can surely relate to every time you go home. If you're looking for dysfunction and heart-stopping laughter then this is the book for you!

2. "Addicted" By Zane

Have you ever heard of an addiction to sex? The main character in "Addicted" will share her experiences moving from bedroom to bedroom. Sex, murder and lies backbone this black "fatal attraction". Can you find out who the killer is?

3. "Not a Day Goes By" By E. Lynn Harris

If you haven't heard about author E. Lynn Harris then you are just behind! Divas, dawgs, and homosexuality in professional athletics make this book a page-turner and a conversation piece.

4. "Baggage Check" By Curtis Bunn

Is Monogamy a disease? Three successful black men are on a journey to find Ms. Right. However to go on this journey, they have to stop at a baggage check. For all the brothers out there and the women that want to delve into the black male mind, here is a book for you to enjoy.

5. "Powernomics: The National Plan to Empower Black America" By Dr. Claud Anderson

Dr. Anderson introduces a plan to empower our race by 2005. This is a must-read for all black people ready to take steps toward improving the race and breaking the racial monopolies in society.