

'Fool' not up to writer's best

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Sinclair experienced with her first novel. While an interesting read, "Ain't Gonna Be The Same Fool Twice" lacks the humor, vibrancy and genius that fans know Sinclair is

capable of. Sinclair's first work tread new ground - middle-class black America during the '60s. "Ain't Gonna" lacks punch. It reads as if Sinclair was rushed to complete a new work to hone in on "Coffee's" huge success.

If you are interested in finding out what happens to Stevie, read "Ain't Gonna Be The Same Fool Twice." If you are looking for the same energy and vibe of "Coffee Will Make You Black," you will be disappointed.

Play makes statement

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still in the top five nearly a year after its release.

He's mulling over the possibility of hooking up with Island Records. The company's interest was piqued through the single "Don't Give Up" from the "Don't Be A Menace in South Central While Drinking Your Juice in the Hood" soundtrack.

"I'm debating it," he says. "It's interesting, but I do like my freedom. I don't like being tied down."

same page. He's very creative and helped me out a great deal. It took a lot of pressure off of me."

Rutledge was as inspiring with guest dancer Tabatha Garner in "Come Lay Your Head On Me." Some may have found it uneasy to see Christ portrayed as an expressive modern dancer (especially paired with a female dancer), but, again, it worked.

"A lot of times people don't get exposed to real theatre," Lawrence said. "It was very expressive but we didn't push it to the limit. That's not where we wanted to go."

The show will go on the road, with the original cast. Lawrence hopes to do so from September through June 1997. He's shelved plans for a follow-up CD by year's end. No need. The Grammy-nominated "Bible Stories" was No. 1 on Billboard's Gospel Album Chart two weeks ago and is

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