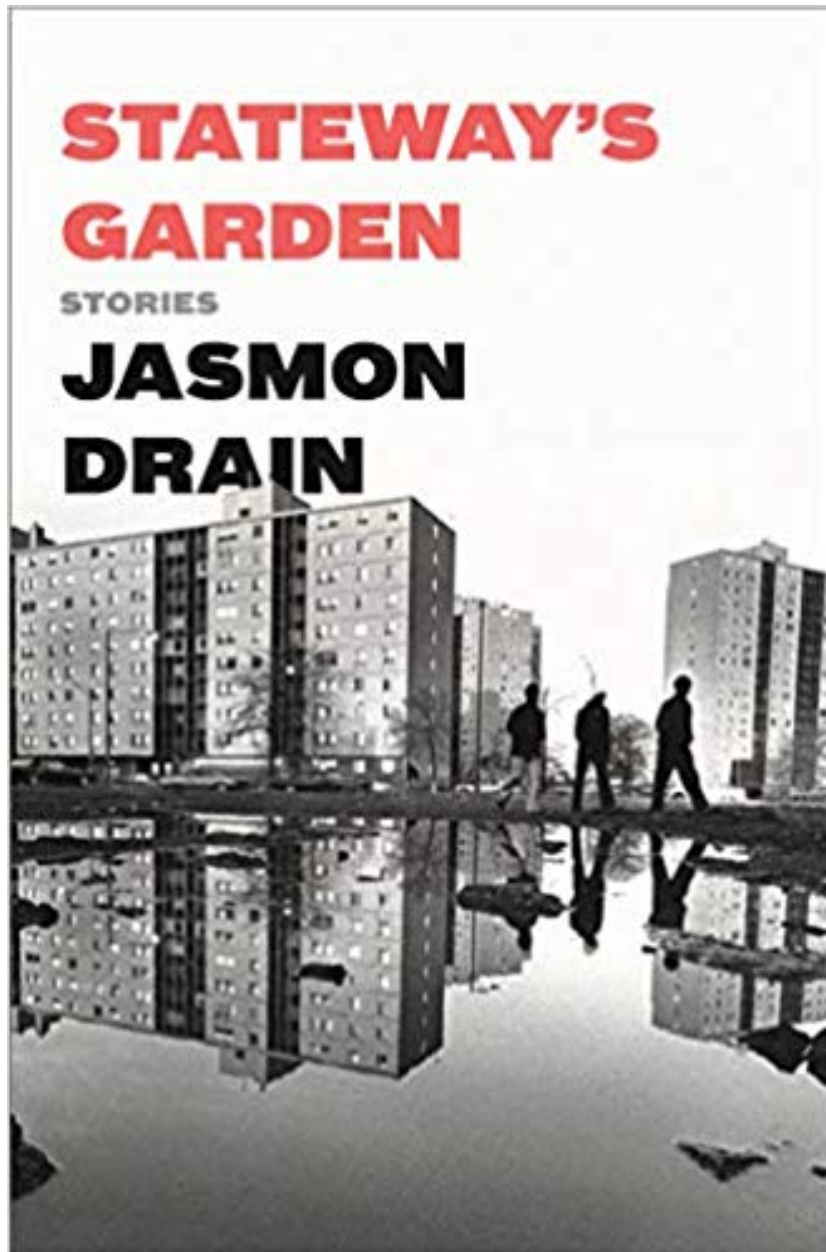


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At that point, both Tracy and Jacob were older and no longer children. Things then began to come to life. In the end, I was all in my emotions and completely invested the characters. I wish the entire book had been that way so I could have gotten to know them better during their childhood.

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A view of April's kitchen in her Stateway Gardens apartment,

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This book was well written, I guess I just wanted a little bit more.