

If you enjoy Walter Dean Myers's books check out these books about African American teens dealing with issues of crime, violence, and poverty:

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Fast Talk on a Slow track
Jumped
Like Sisters on the Homefront
No Laughter Here*

Sheila P. Moses

Joseph

Alan Lawrence Sitomer YP FIC SITOMER

*Hip-Hop High School
Homeboyz
The Hoopster*

Paul Volponi YP FIC VOLPONI

*Black and White
Hurricane Song
Response
Rooftop
Rucker Park Setup*

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*Gangsta Rap
Refugee Boy*

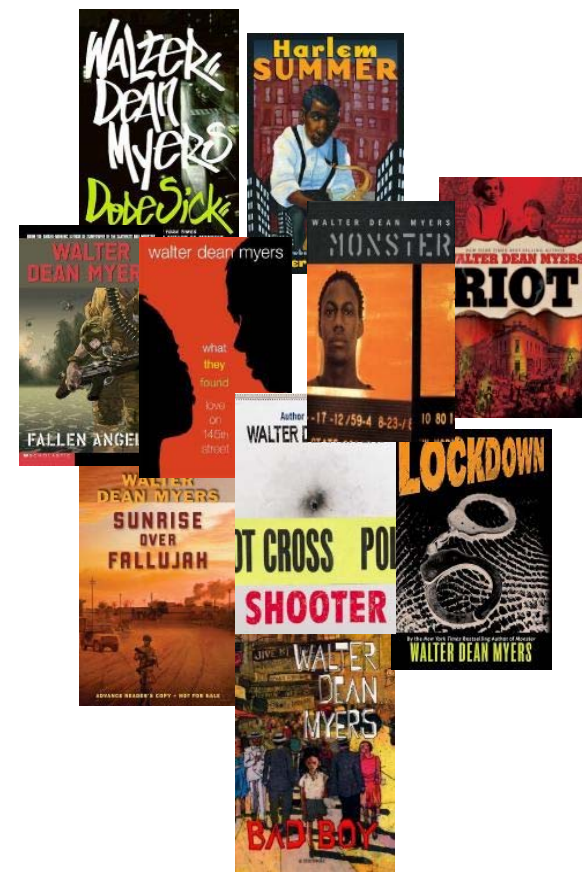


Walter Dean Myers was born Walter Milton Myers, on August 12, 1937 in Martinsburg, West Virginia. He took the name Dean from his adoptive father Herbert Dean. He grew up in Harlem and developed a love of writing at a young age. Myers has written over 30 Young Adult novels and has written many children's books. Myer's says of his books that he writes "about the most difficult period of my own life, the teen years. That's what I do." Myers has won the Coretta Scott King Award five times.

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Selected Works



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Walter Dean Myers: Writing from the Heart, Writing from the Street

FICTION

All books found in YP FIC MYERS

The Beast: Anthony "Spoon" Witherspoon's first true love Gabi is prey for the Beast back in Harlem while he's at prep school. Spoon's battle to save Gabi challenges his feelings about the community--and the girl.

The Dream Bearer: Printz Award winner Walter Dean Myers deftly draws a compassionate portrait of a boy's odyssey of self-discovery and the acceptance and empathy for others he learns along the way.

Dope Sick: Seeing no way out of his difficult life in Harlem, seventeen-year-old Jeremy "Lil J" Dance flees into a house after a drug deal goes awry and meets a weird man who shows different points in Lil J's life when he could have made better choices.

Fallen Angels: This 1989 Coretta Scott King award winner is the story of one young man's tour of duty in Vietnam as well as a testament to the thousands of young people who lived and died during the war.

Game: Drew Lawson knows basketball is taking him places. It has to, because his grades certainly aren't. But lately his plan has run squarely into a pick. Coach's new offense has made another player a star, and Drew won't let anyone disrespect his game. Just as his team makes the playoffs, Drew must come up with something big to save his fading college prospects. It's all up to Drew to find out just how deep his game really is.

The Glory Field: Follows a family's two hundred forty-one year history, from the capture of an African boy in the 1750s through the lives of his descendants, as their dreams and circumstances lead them away from and back to the small plot of land in South Carolina that they call the Glory Field.

Harlem Summer: In 1920s Harlem, sixteen-year-old Mark Purvis, an aspiring jazz saxophonist, gets a summer job as an errand boy for the publishers of the groundbreaking African American magazine, "The Crisis," but soon finds himself on the enemy list of mobster Dutch Shultz.

Lockdown: Maurice "Reese" Anderson is sentenced to 38 months in Progress, a juvenile detention center in New York, for stealing prescription forms for use in a drug-dealing operation. Is it possible for Reese to get a second chance when he's treated like a criminal, handcuffed and thrown into solitary confinement?

Monster: Writing in the form of a script, Myers combines an innovative format, complex moral issues, and an intriguingly sympathetic but flawed protagonist in this cautionary tale of a 16-year-old on trial for felony murder.

145th Street-- Short Stories: A salty, wrenchingly honest collection of stories set on one block of 145th Street. Some of these stories are private, and some are the ones behind the headlines. In each one, characters jump off the page and pull readers right into the mix on 1-4-5.

Riot : From a "New York Times"-bestselling author comes an innovative novel about the Civil War draft riots in New York City. Tackling hotbed issues of war, race, justice, and equality, Myers chronicles this forgotten moment in history in the same groundbreaking style of his "Monster."

Shooter: Six months after a deadly shooting at a suburban high school, educators and psychological and criminal experts compile their interviews and analyses to assess any ongoing threat in the school environment. Through these documents, Myers skillfully tells the story of the shooting, its precipitating causes, and the aftermath for the shooter's closest friends.

Street Love: This story told in free verse is set against a background of street gangs and poverty in Harlem in which seventeen-year-old African American Damien takes a bold step to ensure that he and his new love will not be separated.

Sunrise Over Fallujah: Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.

What they Found: Love on 145th Street: A neighborhood beauty salon is the setting for lots of the fast, funny talk in these stirring contemporary stories.

NON-FICTION

Antarctica: Journeys to the South Pole J 919.8904 MYERS
The noted author presents a thrilling record of Antarctica and the expedition parties that have uncovered the frozen continent throughout history. Includes photos, maps, and illustrations.

Bad Boy: A Memoir B MYERS

Into a memoir that is gripping, funny, heartbreaking, and unforgettable, Walter Dean Myers richly weaves the details of his Harlem childhood in the 1940s and 1950s: a loving home life with his adopted parents, Bible school, street games, and the vitality of his neighborhood.

The Greatest: Muhammad Ali J B ALI
The incredible life story of the greatest boxer that ever lived including his rise to fame and the controversies that surrounded him.

The Harlem Hellfighters : When Pride Met Courage
J 940 .41273 MYERS

The story of the Harlem Hellfighters is not simply one of victory in a war. It is the story of men who acted as men, and who gave a good account of themselves when so many people thought, even hoped, that they would fail.

Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary J B X

In this highly praised, award-winning biography, Walter Dean Myers portrays Malcolm X as prophet, dealer, convict, troublemaker, revolutionary, and voice of black militancy. A Coretta Scott King Honor Book and an ALA Notable Children's Book.

Now is Your Time!: The African American Struggle for Freedom J 973.0496 MYERS

A history of the African-American struggle for freedom and equality, beginning with the capture of Africans in 1619, continuing through the American Revolution, the Civil War, and into contemporary times.