

Success Stories: Insights by African American Men

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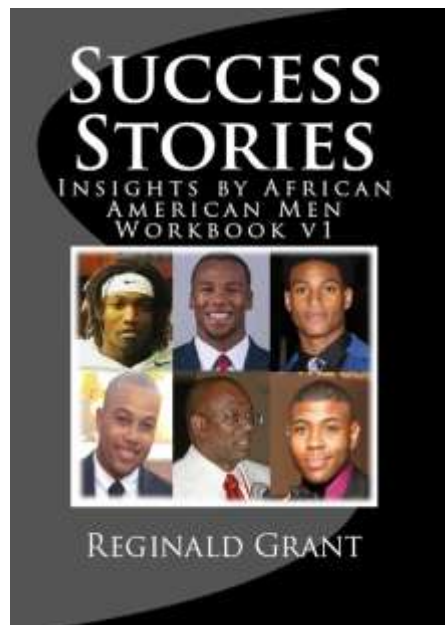
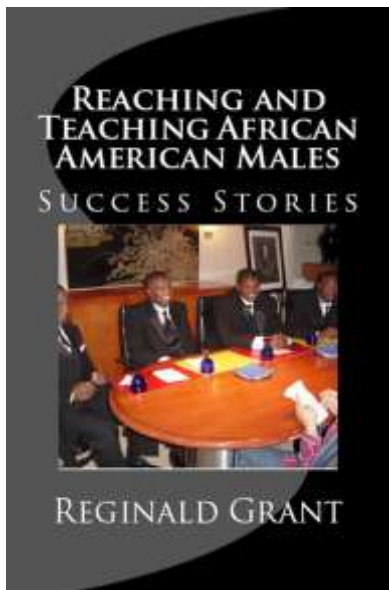
A Few Excerpts from "Success Stories insights by African American Men"

A quote from USC student Troy Durk: ""Humble beginnings" is a term often used to describe one's hardships and eventual rise to success. I am from Los Angeles, California. Growing up in the midst of adversity is a common thread shared by many and generally accepted by its residents. I too, am a part of that thread. I spent most of my life in South Central Los Angeles and Inglewood, humble beginnings indeed. However, though the temptations were many and the pull of the streets were like a magnet, I did not allow myself to become a statistic and fall victim to my environment. I decided to"

A quote from Stanford Student Remound Wright: *"It doesn't matter if I attend one of the leading academic institutions in the world. I'm still going to get followed by the police through the streets of Palo Alto, and they'll still have their headlights off so that I can't tell it's them. They will still follow me on Stanford University's campus and pull me over in the parking lot of my own dorm as though I don't belong."*

A quote from Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr: *"I've had my share of opportunities to give up and quit on myself and to believe that good things,*

no great things were not intended for me. The story that illustrates this best is after my graduation from high school I was determined that I was to attend college. My high school guidance counselor never met with me to help me understand how to apply for college. In fact, I didn't know that you had to apply for college. However, I caught the city bus and made my way to Texas Southern University in my hometown of Houston, TX anyway. I arrived at the Registrar's Office and stood in line with all of the other students only to discover that they had applied and were prepared to be processed and admitted..... However, this is where I learned the importance of knowing what my mother taught me. "God will never let you down, so don't you ever stop believing in yourself!" I refused to leave the registration line when I was told that I had not applied and should go..." Read his entire piece and all of the others, available at <https://wwwcreatespace.com/5057020>, or in eBook format on Amazon.com.



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Description"

This new book was released in 2016 at the Los Angeles Public Library Author Series" Literacy is Every Thing."Success Stories: Insights by African American Men" is an inspirational collection of stories by 19 African American Men. It also includes researched based information by Reginald Grant, MEd on Reaching and Teaching African American Children. A cross generational collection of stories from college students to men in retirement, a true glimpse into the journey of African American Men in America.

"African American males want the same things as everyone else, a family, a job a education, the opportunity to live the American dream. " J. Everett Pearsall , Executive Director of the National Alliance of African American Athletes. I, nor most African American males don't want any handouts or hand me downs, just the opportunity to compete on a level playing field. But, being an African American male in American is a unique experience.

Black men are our ancestors, fathers, husbands, baby daddies, boyfriends, nephews and sons,—they are all of us—and it is past time to eradicate the stigmas surrounding African American Males. We need to step up to fight the misinformation too often perpetrated in main stream media. In the first section of the book are their Success Stories, told by African American Men. How they have persevered and overcome here in the American system so heavily stacked against them.

In the book we look at the research, the historical factors and hopefully provide some insight and solutions.

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The Success Stories included in the book are as follows.

Remound Wright (Stanford Student, Watkins Award Alumni)

"A Lifetime of Fear ...a young black man in America"

. Michael Montgomery (Retired NFL)

"A heartbeat away from your destiny"

Charles Barnes (Musician, Author)

"If You keep Going Everything will be Alright"

Casey Cummings (Branding Professional)

"The Cummings Family, A Family of Success"

Chase J. Moore (Holy Cross)

, **"My Vocation"**

Zachary Byrge , (UCLA) **"Beating the Odds"**

Troy Durk (USC) **"Humble Beginnings"**

Caylin L. Moore (Fulbright Scholar, TCU)

"Life isn't Easy",

Robert Carter (Retired LAPD),

"Take advantage of your Opportunities"

Chris Ward, Phd (Retired NFL All-Pro, Minister),

"From a Dumpster to the NFL and beyond"

Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr. (Minister, UMM)

"Don't you ever stop believing in yourself?"

Robert "Bob" Baddy (Retired Dept of Commerce), "

47 foreign countries...What a Journey!" 1

Mark Campbell, (Educator, Speaker)

"Are You Running Away from Something or Sprinting Towards Greatness?"

Tyrone Tate (Educator, Entrepreneur)

"How could I be so unique in overcoming adversity without God?"

Ashley Tucker (Actor, Writer),
"Victors not Victims." 16.

J. Everette Pearsall (Director Nonprofit).
"From West Baltimore to the World"

Delmus Harris (Law Enforcement).
"Overcoming Destructive Comments from Others

Steven Holden (Former NFL player, Coach)
"From Watts to the NFL because I Listened"

Reginald Grant (Author, Educator, Speaker),
" Stop Pigeonholing Me ".and more.....

Plus Section Two of the book
"Reaching and Teaching African American Males"

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