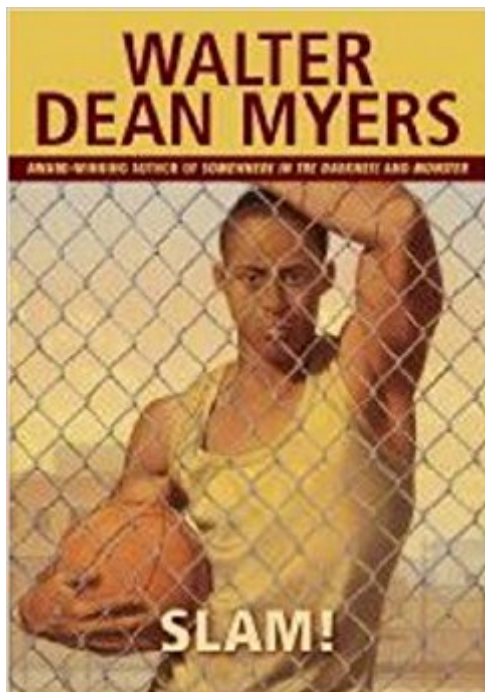


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Slam!



Synopsis

An exciting, eye-catching repackaging of acclaimed author Walter Dean Myers's bestselling paperbacks, to coincide with the publication of *SUNRISE OVER FALLUJA* in hardcover. Seventeen-year-old Greg "Slam" Harris can do it all on the basketball court. He's seen ballplayers come and go, and he knows he could be one of the lucky ones. Maybe he'll make it to the top. Or maybe he'll stumble along the way. Slam's grades aren't that hot. And when his teachers jam his troubles in his face, he blows up. Slam never doubted himself on the court until he found himself going one-on-one with his own future, and he didn't have the ball.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

A love of basketball isn't necessary to enjoy this gritty, feelingly told tale, but it would certainly help. Myers (The Glory Field) uses contemporary urban black locutions to relay his narrator's view of the mean streets of Harlem, as well as describe some heart-thumping hoop action in a novel that, like most good sports stories, is about more than just sports. "I can hoop," says Slam. "Case closed.... You can take my game to the bank and wait around for interest." Grandiose fantasies of his future as a millionaire NBA star or maybe a millionaire movie producer are about all that he has on his mind, even though he is on his way to flunking out of the magnet high school he just transferred to, his grandmother is dying, his father is out of work and hitting the bottle again and his oldest friend

appears to be dealing crack. Only when he is playing basketball does Slam know what moves to make and how to relate to the people around him. The rest of the time he stumbles, alienating his mother, girlfriend, teachers, even his coach and teammates. But, as the plain-speaking assistant coach tells him, "Everybody is in the game off the court," and Slam finally realizes that it's his attitude, not other people, that holds him back. Enduring truths, winningly presented. Ages 12-up. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gr 8 Up-"Basketball is my thing. I can hoop. Case closed." So begins Walter Dean Myers' novel (Scholastic, 1996) which lends itself perfectly to an audio presentation for young adults. Male reluctant readers as well as basketball fans will be captivated with this realistic story in which 17-year-old Greg Harris tells of the year in which he transfers to a magnet school for the arts, a more academically challenging, mostly white school. After being the hot shot star of his Harlem high school team, he has to learn to fit in and be a team player at his new school. He may not be able to do anything about the rest of his life--his relationships with his family and friends, his grandmother's illness, his scholastic difficulties, or what goes on in his Harlem neighborhood--but when he gets onto the basketball court, "Slam" feels in control. Listeners will enjoy this fast-paced, energetic story following Slam's progress as he tries to deal with basketball and life. Myers has created a character and a story that have great appeal for teens, and narrator Thomas Penny skillfully captures this young urban black man's voice. A valuable addition for teen audio collections.-Marilyn Higgins, Metuchen High School, NJCopyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I got this book for my eleven year old and he loves it. Sad to say it was so good to him, he couldn't put it down. He ended up taking the book to school with him and got in trouble for reading. How could I be mad at my child getting in trouble for reading? I thanked his teacher and being that I'm a teacher too, I did talk to him about being responsible in school. My child has never enjoyed reading a book so much. I recommend it for other boys coming of age.

Bought for my 14 year old son who doesn't like how the book reads like a play.

I love how slam is so competitive and trying to make sure his friend is on the right path. He also has a good relation with Mtisha and all of his friends

When I began this book, it took me a little while to adjust to the vocabulary used. It is written from the point of a young african-american male student and it is amazing. The depth of the story-line and all of the characters, the incredible lessons that a young person would not even realize they were learning, is beautiful and heart-breaking. This book was on a summer reading list for my children and I read it to be able to check their book reports. My family's discussion of this book were fantastic and it brought up subjects that are often difficult.

For my son - these are the best books I can find with African American young males dealing with urban issues. Wonderful author

Grandson enjoying his summer reading !

I almost sent it back thinking it wasnt my package but the Book was in good condition

the book its self was very clean and very neat. not a fan of the actual book. but quality was amazing

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