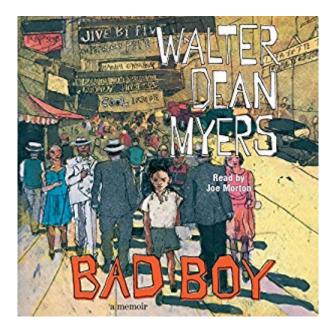


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Synopsis

In his own words...As a boy, Walter Dean Myers was quick-tempered and physically strong, always ready for a fight. He also read voraciously-he would check out books from the library and carry them home, hidden in brown paper bags in order to avoid other boys' teasing. He aspired to be a writer. But growing up in a poor family in Harlem, his hope for a successful future diminished as he came to realize fully the class and racial struggles that surrounded him. He began to doubt himself and the values that he had always relied on, attending high school less and less, turning to the streets and his books for comfort.In a memoir that is gripping, funny, and ultimately unforgettable, Walter Dean Myers travels back to his roots in the magical world of Harlem during the 1940s and 1950s. Here is the story of one of the strongest voices in young people's literature today. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

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Customer Reviews

This contemporary autobiography deals with many issues young people in urban communities are familiar with: social and emotional challenges, discomfort with school situations, and searching for meaning in difficult circumstances. The book also teaches students an important lesson: they (like Walter Dean Myers) can overcome challenges in their lives and find their own unique talents in the process. Readers will enjoy the culturally unique setting (Harlem) and vivid character descriptions in this literary non-fiction book. Walter Dean Myers has written many other books so reading one can lead to reading another - his work is particularly appealing to middle-school and early high school aged readers.

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I enjoyed the book story. Greatly designed. Happy and sad moments. How it felt to live in Harlem.great good book.

Needed for school as school does not provide individual books to students. It is so helpful.

I love this book started it on Friday and Im don't with the book this is wroth the money and the reading

I am only like 50 pages in, but this book is great so far. I get to see the inside of a youths life back before I was born and look at the dynamics of how families were built like the Brady Bunch. Its good so far!

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