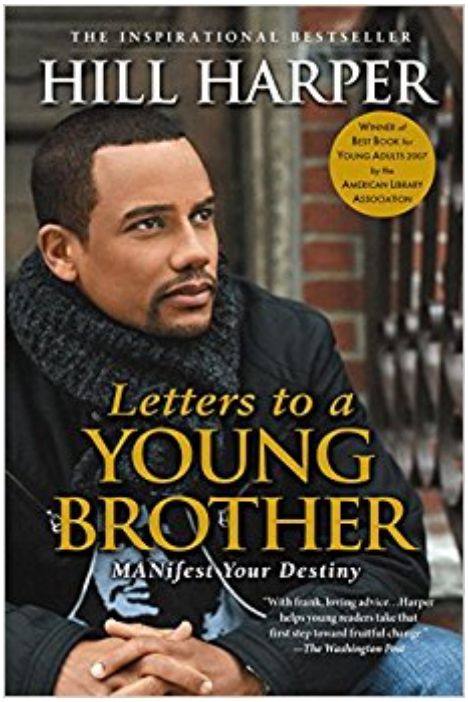
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Letters To A Young Brother: Manifest Your Destiny



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Synopsis

Offering inspirational advice in a down-to-earth style, this unique compilation of letters provides wisdom, guidance, and heartfelt insight to help the reader chart their own path to success. Based on the author’s motivational speaking at inner-city schools across the country, the letters deal with the tough issues that face young people today. Bombarded with messages from music and the media, Harper set out to dispel the stereotypical image of success that young people receive today and instead emphasizes alternative views of what it truly means to be a successful male, such as educational and community achievements and self-respect. Intended to provide this frequently regarded “lost generation” of young men with words of encouragement and guidance, Harper’s deep-rooted passion regarding the plight of today’s youth drove him to write this book, sure to change the lives of readers for years to come.

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Customer Reviews

Inspired by Rainer Maria Rilke’s Letters to a Young Poet, Harper, a young black actor and graduate of Brown University and Harvard Law School, offers similar inspiration to young men clamoring for advice and encouragement at a time when popular culture offers little positive direction. Interspersed throughout are e-mail inquiries from young men and Harper’s responses and those of other celebrities, including Nas, Venus Williams, and Barack Obama. He devotes separate chapters to school and work, sex, and life aspirations, tackling such issues as single parenthood, sexually transmitted diseases, the allure of materialism, and the power of words and faith. Harper offers his

personal story: a young man brought up by a demanding father, who developed a relationship with his mother only as he grew older. He views the youth of today as an evolved species, like the latest model car, with improvements that come from the experiences of those who came before. Although aimed at young black men, this book, with its contemporary language and approach, should have appeal for youth of both sexes and all races. Vernon FordCopyright Ã Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Unknown Binding edition.

In a direct and often colloquial tone . . . the letters stress the importance of having options and working smart, not just hard. (THE NEW YORK TIMES)Harper’s message is a solo soaring above the choir. (LOS ANGELES TIMES)Hill writes in a down-to-earth style. . . . A priceless, no-nonsense, step-by-step guide. (The Dayton Defender)Filled with heartfelt wisdom and solid step-by-step strategies for cultivating self-respect, Letters to a Young Brother is an inspirational guidebook to a better life and a book that will change lives. (Black College Today)[This] book can serve as a strong and silent mentor. (The Philadelphia Inquirer)In clear, accessible language, Harper encourages his youthful readers to maintain productive values and never give up hope. . . . With frank, loving advice about relationships, careers, sex, education, spirituality, and money, Harper helps young readers take that first step toward fruitful change. (Jabari Asim, The Washington Post)

Anytime I see a brother promoting positive messages I salute them. I have collected all of Hill Harper’s Books and was fortunate to have him autograph two of his books at my sorority’s convention. I purchased several copies of this book to give to my mentoring program in Hawaii called EMBODI, a Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated program to reinforce our lessons of fortitude and progression as an AA male. It is truly a benefit for Hill Harper to continue to engage his audience and attempt to remedy the ills that many of our AA males are facing and provide valuable insight. His desire to mentor is infectious and that he doesn’t cultivate the lifestyle of $$, fast cars, and other stereotypical innuendos is truly appreciated. Compassion is a strong suit in this page turner!

I bought this for my teenage nephew. He was homeschooling and I taught his English class. He loves to write and I thought it would be inspirational. It was worth every penny and hour spent on it. It opened the door for my nephew and I to discuss some issues he faced in the past with his own mother who abandoned him. He was raised by his father but it gave him a great understanding

about some of the things he needed to do to prepare for life. We are going to order the other book from this author as he also has a great writing style that helped my nephew find his own writing voice. My nephew says it should be required reading for all young men in high school. I agree.

I have read this book, and I personally wish I had the book when i was growing up. This is the type of gudie that would lead a young man to a better path. Too many of young men of color are in trouble and labeled as troublemakers. Here is a guide that a father,uncle or mentor could use to help a young man to develop. The 100 Black Men service organization has a affirmation"What they see is what they will be". This is a great readAfter re-reading the book, I have purchased the paperback and I'm sending it to my nephew. To Manifest his destiny, I believe thsi book will be intrumental in helping him reach his goal of going to college this year. I also believe if any of my other nephews read the book it will help them along with thier destinies as well. Once again I recomend this book for any father trying to keep his son on the straight and narrow or uncle, big brother or father figure

Purchased several to give to young me in my church. Its a good read

I had high hopes for this book as I read another one of Hill Harper's books prior to reading this book (Letters To An Incarcerated Brother). I'm not sure why I didn't care for Letters To A Young Brother, but the other book I read - Letters To An Incarcerated Brother - was much more heartfelt and honest and sincere IMO. HH talks a lot about himself in this book - and I thought the book was going to be more about the people he was writing to. A lot of times the "letters" from the other subjects in the book were only a sentence or two. I'm glad the book was an inspiration to many people though.

I sent this book to my son who is incarcerated. Listening to his response lets me know that it has caught his attention. So I'm grateful. Hope to send him the other book pertaining to his situation, that he will also find that one encouraging, and uplifting giving him much needed knowledge and wisdom.

not an easy read for young men..

Forget about the title. Harper has crafted a fabulous book that will appeal to nearly all teens -- not just at-risk African-American boys. While the book speaks directly to African-American males, its

smart yet cool approach to the problems that plague all teens, but particularly young people who are poor or members of a minority group, will also be a hit with girls and members of other beleaguered minority groups, as well. The language is laden with slang but intelligent, and both Harper and his extremely phat friends will make inroads where even caring teachers and parents might not. The book could easily have become sappy, but it never does.Harper's inclusion of his celebrity friends and of full-color photographs of him partying with them might provoke some teen to read the book who might not at first been inclined to do so. It was another spot-on move by Harper. I am really grateful to him for providing young people with such a frank blueprint for growth.Students who might be Caucasian and affluent will still love the book's message that everyone -- even handsome, successful TV stars -- sometimes feel lonely, have trouble approaching members of the opposite sex, and make mistakes.What about straight-A students bound for Yale? They will be attracted to Harper, who graduated from Harvard Law School cum laude. The school's jocks will love that Harper was a college football hero. For the free spirits out there, Harper begins each chapter with a pithy quote from sources as disparate as the Persian poet Rumi, former President Bill Clinton, and rapper Andre 3000 (nee AndrÃƒÂ© Benjamin). Harper really has a hook for most of the cliques in American high schools.

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