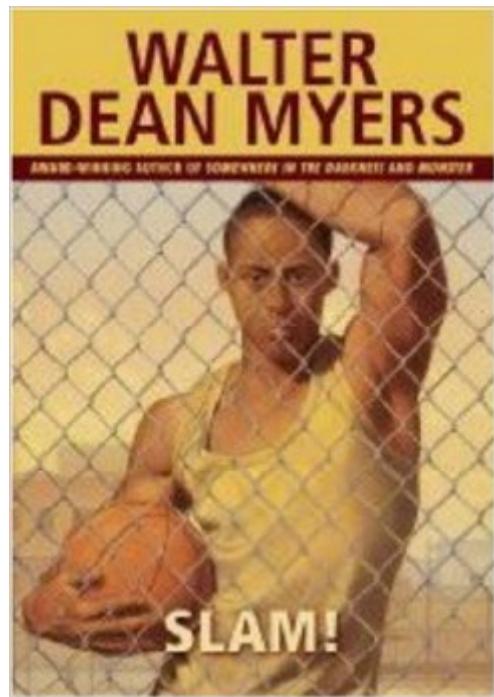


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# Slam!



## Synopsis

An exciting, eye-catching repackaging of acclaimed author Walter Dean Myers' best-selling 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.

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This book was a great book for a lot of reasons. It really portrayed life on the streets, and that people can either fall or rise above their circumstances. It showed the reality of the streets at times when it talked about people dealing drugs, and at the end, the book tells you how the main character deals with the streets. This book was about a teenage boy named Greg "Slam" Harris. Everyone in his neighborhood and school called him "Slam" because he was awesome at basketball. During the book, Slam fails to realize that school is very important. All the ever does is think about his girlfriend, or play basketball. He thinks that basketball is his ticket out of the ghetto. But what he doesn't realize is that your attitude toward one thing can effect your attitude toward

another aspect of life. His attitude in the classroom reflected his attitude on the court, and he and his coach were always at odds. During the book, Slam deals with the harsh reality of the ghetto when his friend, Benny "Ice" Reese gets involved with drug dealing. Ice was also a great basketball player, regarded my man as the best in the city. He also endures being looked down on by his teachers simply because of the neighborhood that he is from. At the end of the book, Slam's future lies in his own hands, and no one can decide his fate except for him. He will either fall to the streets, or rise above his circumstances. I really liked this book a lot, because the author really made all the situations seem very real. I felt like I could relate to this book, because I used to not try hard in school, then I realized that school was very important, and having a good attitude was necessary. This book really inspired me to work hard in all areas of life, and it was a very well-written book.

May 9,2001 Slam, written by Walter Dean Myers is a great story about the life of a 17-year-old boy from Harlem. This story is about a young high school boy that loves the game of basketball. His name is Greg Harris, but people call him "Slam" because of his ability to slam the ball. The book exposes some life problems that a regular teenager faces in life, particularly the ones that live in New York City. His grades are not so hot and he seems to make some serious decisions that will make a big difference in his life. This book is a good life story and teaches you some very good lessons. Slam knows he has potential and could be one of the lucky ballplayers to make it to the NBA. But, when he moves to a magnet school, things just start to go downhill. His best friend, Ice, who also has incredible talent in basketball, gets involved with drugs. Slam wants to help, but he has problems of his own. His grades are bad, he doesn't get along with the staff at his school, and the basketball coach doesn't approve with his style of playing basketball. This book does a good job of portraying real-life situations. The reader can really get inside the head of the characters, making the book great. Many teenagers have similar problems, like grades and drugs. A couple times, Slam tries to talk to Ice about his involvement in drugs, but each time Ice finds a way to change the subject. This predicament marks the end of their friendship. Slam knows that he cant get involved with drugs because he has too much on the line to risk. This can be related to real life because sometimes in life you want to help your friends do the right thing, but there is only so much you can do. As the book goes on, things start to work out okay for Slam.

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