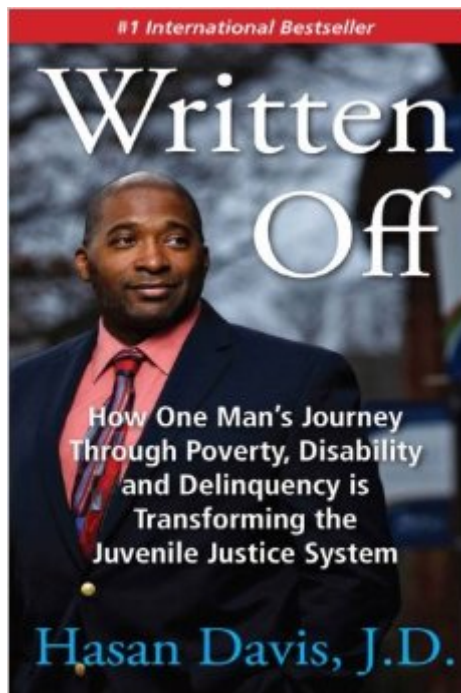


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# Written Off: How One Man's Journey Through Poverty, Disability And Delinquency Is Transforming The Juvenile Justice System



## Synopsis

This book is the culmination of a lifetime of love and lessons that have shaped my personal journey from a young man in crisis to a champion for children. There were critical moments in my story where self-appointed "Hope Dealers" like my mother, Alice Lovelace, and my educator, Dr. Lorraine Wilson, intervened in my projected course to failure. The lessons I learned from them became the foundation of my own work with and for young people facing challenges that they often did not believe they can face alone: hopelessness, shame, disability, tragic home life, generally summed up as the trauma, drama, and pain of life. I have put these lessons into my practice of reaching and teaching young people and try to share them with other caring adults who have committed themselves to being the difference in the lives of the children within their sphere of influence. My name is Hasan Davis, and I am a Hope Dealer. This is my story. "For those of us who chose this important work, hope is mandatory. Because, we cannot give what we do not possess."

Hasan Davis J.D.

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Hasan Davis' life is one of overcoming extreme difficulties. His story points out how youth's successes are related to adults believing in them. The need for educational systems to address learning differences as he told his story was very clear. This book is inspiring and motivating for anyone concerned about social justice issues. Once I started reading it I could not put it down.

This excellent book portrays strength, tenacity, and the importance of a mother's loving advocacy and relentless courage "her" and his. The book begins with the author confronting

inexplicable racism on the inner city streetsâ "tragically, all too topical today. In his schooling, he struggled with ADHD and a learning disability, which were unaided by the educational systems. Fighting against the odds, today, Hasan Davis, is an influential leader, working within government to transform arcane government policies for youth. Read this book. It will leave you inspired and renewed, as it did me.H. Charles Fishman, MD

Non fiction isn't usually a "must read" for me, but I couldn't put this one down. The author does a great job of portraying the complexity of his early life and education; the moments when things went well or went badly; the good choices he made and the bad; and especially, the complex interactions between the "hope dealers", people who wanted him to succeed, and the people who very much wanted to hold him back. Even though the author's story is extraordinary, he conveyed hope for all the kids who are getting lost in our educational and justice systems, and I came away with a lot of great ideas of how I can "deal hope" to the young students in my life.

Thought this book was well written. I know this author personally and have heard part of his story but was still in awe with what he had to overcome. It is really an inspiration to all youth who find themselves in the same situation. It also is an inspiration to those people working to help these kids to know their efforts are rewarded.

All teachers and all parents would do well to devour this immensely readable autobiography. This is a book long overdue. I cried and laughed out loud as I read his story, often simultaneously. Kudos, Hasan Davis, JD! Thank you for sharing your vital and timely life story with the world.

A wonderful yet sometimes sad story. Very encouraging for every young person of color or with disabilities. The main takeaway is that there is Hope.

Hassan's story is amazing and I'm so glad he has shared it in this way. My admiration for him has only increased! Knowing him and working with him for several years had led me to believe I knew all about Hasans history as he shares openly and honestly However, this book adds so many levels to the struggles and especially the victories! This should be required reading for all professionals working with youth.

An inspirational must read book. I couldn't put it down until the last word. I can not wait for it to come

out in hard back so I can purchase for gifts. Amazing what a wonderful man he turned out to be.

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