



We Beat the Streets

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By The Three Doctors



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Chapter 1 - Living in the Projects ain't Easy



Life in the ghetto of Newark, New Jersey is tough, especially for



kids.



Sampson,



Rameck, and

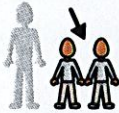


George

are three



black



kids

who live in the projects.



Sampson is



six

and loves to play with his friends and his



brother.

One day in the



summer,



Sampson is with his



brother and



friends in the park.



He

hurts

his



foot

when a cement slab



falls

on it.



Living

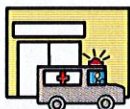
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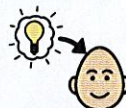
Sampson has to go to the hospital. He is fascinated with the



emergency room. He asks the doctor lots of questions.



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Rameck is nine and he loves to learn. The work is



too easy for him and he gets bored. His mother sends him to a



Catholic school so he can get a good education. Rameck gets into



fights. The nuns want to put him in special education. In



the public school he went to, he was in a gifted and talented program



after school. Living in the projects ain't easy.



George

is



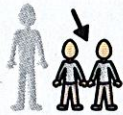
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and he loves



school.

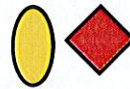
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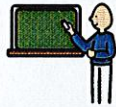
other

kids

in his neighborhood because he doesn't want to be



different.



His teacher

tells him he can go to



college.

When

George gets



braces

on his



teeth,

he falls in love with



dentistry.



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The three boys come from rough neighborhoods. They are used



to the sounds of sirens.



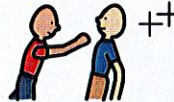
Drug dealers hang out on the



street corners.



People get into



fights

and get



killed all



the time. These are smart boys who want to be different from the



other people in their neighborhood. It will be very difficult.



Living in the projects ain't easy.

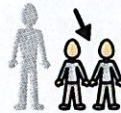




Chapter 2 - Having Goals ain't Easy



Sampson, George, and Rameck meet at University High School.



This is a special school for kids who want to go to college. They



become good friends. They understand each other. They come from similar



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backgrounds. It is hard for these three boys to have goals.



The other kids from their neighborhood drop out of school, sell



drugs, or get killed.



Having goals ain't easy.



The boys get into trouble. They try to do the right thing,

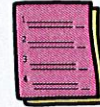


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but it is not always easy. Sampson gets arrested two times. He is



lucky and gets out of jail. Rameck gets arrested three times.



He also gets out of jail. They have no criminal record.



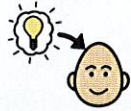
Rameck wants to make a difference. He wants black people to be



respected. George wants to go to college.



Having goals ain't easy.



The boys learn they can go to Seton Hall College for free.



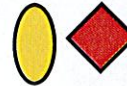
They decide to try it. They fill out the application and go for an



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interview. All three get accepted. They make a pact. They will



go together and help each other. They will be different from the



others in their neighborhood.



Having goals ain't easy.

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Chapter 3 - The Three



Friends

Honor Their



Pact



Sampson,



Rameck,

and



George



graduate

from high school.



They go into a summer program at Seton Hall College. This will help



prepare them for college classes in the fall. Their life at college



is very different from their life in their neighborhood. They love the



new experience. Their minds are being challenged. They finish the



summer program.

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The

three



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honor their



pact.



In the

fall

they start



college.

They



think

they are



ready.

They

live

in the same



dorm.

They



talk to

and



support each other.

They meet a



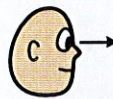
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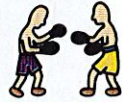
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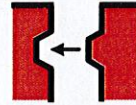
Life is not easy for them. Each of them have questions about



themselves. They have to fight other temptations. College is hard



work and dedication. They still get into trouble sometimes, especially



when they go home. They don't feel like they fit in their old



neighborhoods. They decide they want to help kids from the



projects know about college. They start a club called Ujima.

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The three friends honor their pact.

Chapter 4 -



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Can't Believe We



Did It!



Sampson,



Rameck,

and



George

are separated during their last



year of college.



They have a

strong



friendship.



Rameck and



Sampson

are going to medical school.



George

will go to dental school.



Sampson

thinks medical school is too



hard

for him.

His



friends



encourage him.

He fails his medical school



test.

He thinks this is a



sign.



I

can't believe we



did

it!



Sampson studies hard and takes the test again. He



passes the test! It is time for the friends to work on



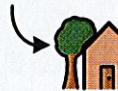
their medical rotations. Rameck wants to work in internal medicine.



Sampson wants to work in the emergency room. At the last minute,



Sampson gets a spot in the emergency room at the hospital in his



neighborhood. He will finally get to go home.



I can't believe we did it!



Each of the friends finishes their education.



Sampson and



Rameck

are



doctors.



George

is a



dentist.

They all



worked



hard

to reach their



dreams.

They wanted to



quit

many times.



They wanted things to be easy.

They had each other.

This



strong



friendship helped them reach their



goals.



I

can't believe we



did

it!