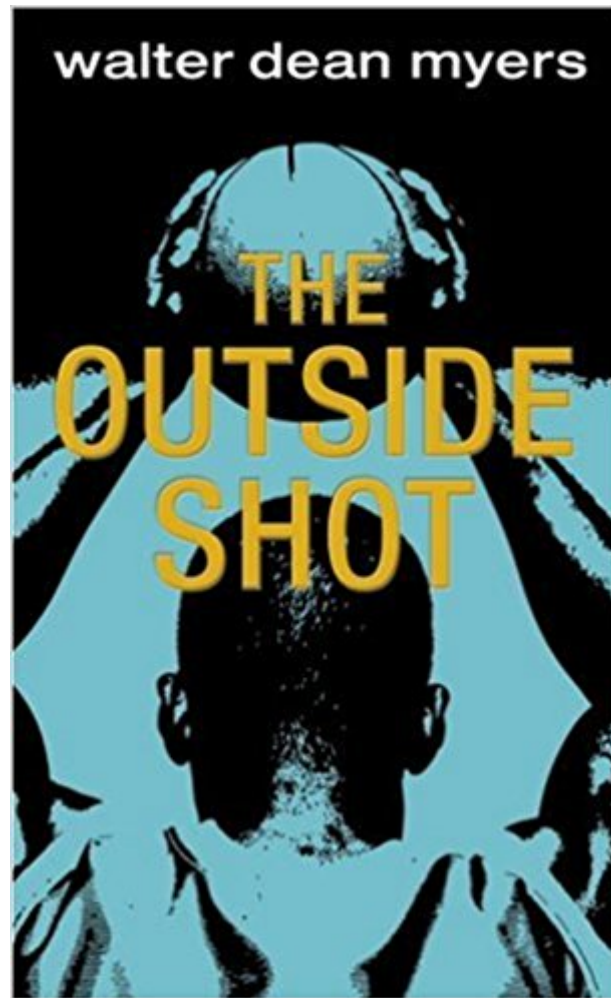




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The book was not 99% it was more like 80%

Walter Dean Myers knew he loved writing ever since he was in fifth grade. Myers used to write picture books, but wanted to write something more meaningful so Myers started to write young adult books. One of them was *The Outside Shot*. The book was about a black kid, Lonnie Jackson, he grew up in Harlem and is now going to Monte Claire. Soon he would see how life was different in Monte Claire. The book was well thought out and skillfully written. The book *The Outside Shot* is about a black kid named Lonnie Jackson. He grew up in Harlem and always wanted to play big time basketball. He got a college scholarship to Monte Claire, a college with a pretty good basketball team. When he gets to college he realizes that it's more than just basketball. He meets some friends that show him how life really is. He also meets a girl and gets to see how different they are in a village then they are in a big city. I thought the book is the perfect book for people that like basketball. I love basketball and in the games it made you feel like you were playing with the team. I would recommend this book to anybody I know because it was a great book, it always captured the feelings of the characters perfectly. Overall I would give it four stars. In summation the book was about a kid named Lonnie who always wanted to play basketball. He gets a scholarship to Monte Claire for basketball. He soon finds out what the real world is like.

The main character in *The Outside Shot* is Lonnie Jackson. He is 22 and has just made it to Montclair State in Indiana. Lonnie tries out for the basketball team and makes it. In order to play he has to keep his head high and record clean. His goal for college is to stay in school and stay clean.

But some things get in the way. For example this guy named Fat Man makes bets on the games Montclair plays and wins money, which he gives to Lonnie. One example is that he bet Montclair to win by five points and they did and Lonnie gets two hundred dollars for it. He then gets himself a one-way ticket to a week suspension from school and hoops. I like the writing style in this book because it switches from character to character. Lonnie, a black New Yorker, talks like this, "He went the whole nine yards today" And a white mother speaks like this, "Maybe he just had another phase" If you like basketball this is a book for you. I liked it a lot, but you'd have to be at least in 6th grade to understand it. This book is definitely a five star book. In a way it has a lesson to it on betting and gambling. This taught me that you shouldn't get involved with anything wrong, especially if your goal is to stay in school.

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In the continuing, nonstop, fulfilled life of Lonnie Jackson, The Out Side Shot, a sequel to Hoops(both books by Walter Dean Myers),explains Lonnie's college life. Instead of his everyday street life he has to adjust to the abnormal college life.Lonnie is all alone in a college call Montclare in Indiana. He recieved a scholarship to play some mean division 1 basketball. he gets into soem trouble acceptin bribes from a person who bets on games. That allmost got him kicked off the team. Lonnie feels alon and needs a friend. Since African Americans are the minority at his college he would like to stick with his race. He meets a black girl named Sherry. He has to change, he can't be a street talking black boy from the city he has to be more mature and show her more respect. He

learns a lot from her and she finally accepts him and they start to date. He has problems at college just like back at home. It's not as easy as he thought it would be. I would recommend this book to anyone. I really liked it. even though some parts were confusing like when Lonnie gets in trouble for accepting bribes. This book gave me a feeling of what it was like being on my own and making friends. Lonnie is continuing to improve at his game, and he has to keep working on his jump shot. He looks to have a good future in professional basketball. But for now in college as he would say you have to buckle down and hit the books.

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