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# Voices From The Ghetto (Dedicated To Maya Angelou)



## Synopsis

From the author who brought you *The 7 Lamps Of Inspiration* comes another powerful poetic book meant to change the landscape of mankind's morality and humanity. **PRAISE FOR VOICES FROM THE GHETTO**"The poems I have read thus far are introspective and truly try to bring to light a want for more positivity among blacks, actually among any human."- Ani Best "Voices from the Ghetto paints a vivid picture of a change needed but most of all it gives you the courage to stand up and make a change."- Author Tamyara Brown "Reading this book shows the rawness of the unsung in the ghetto. When I read it, I felt the pain, I felt the heartache, but I felt the hope."- Jaime Perry "It takes serious power to write like this."- Ashley Elizabeth "This book will go down in history, I have so enjoyed the writing."- Lisa Holden-Christiansen This book is dedicated to the memory of the great poet and civil rights activist Maya Angelou, as well as Trayvon Martin, Jordan Davis, Oscar Grant III, Mike Brown and other young black men who were killed because of racial stereotypes. *Voices From The Ghetto* is a collection of powerful urban stories told using poetry. This book is meant to do two things. One to bring awareness to the lives of those who live in the ghetto and other urban and impoverished areas. These people have stories that no one hears about. When we hear about them in the news we don't see them as people, thus this book is meant to bring back humanity to those who we have dehumanized. The second thing this book is meant to achieve is to inspire those living in the ghetto to not just achieve their destiny but become a destination for others to follow. It is meant to show people that they can conquer their environment and that no matter where you are born or what colour your skin is you can achieve greatness and even immortality. This book was inspired by books like *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, Nelson Mandela's *The Long Walk To Freedom*, Maya Angelou's *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings* to name a few. So if you want to read a book meant to not just inspire minorities but also to give voices to the people whose stories we don't know about. Then this book is for you, your children and your grand-children. My hope is that book can help save lives and stop the stereotypical killings like the Trayvon Martins, Jordan Davis's, Oscar Grants, Mike Browns and the others who have been killed for no other reason than the colour of their skin and the prejudices that go with that skin. Read this excerpt from one of the poems in this book and if you are moved emotionally, then download your copy today and don't delay the chance to have this breath-taking powerful book in your library "We have lost too many princes and princesses It breaks my heart seeing this It breaks my heart seeing how low we have gone Is this what Rosa Parks sat for? Is this what Malcolm X fought for? Is this what MLK died for? Is this what Maya Angelou wrote for? Is this what Barack Obama ran for? Make yourself more than a man Or a woman Make yourself an idea Don't just chase your destiny Become a destination For others to

followAnd if you canâ™t change the narrative of the gate keepersThen aspire to be a gatekeeperAnd change the narrative for the generations to comeLet us not have anymoreTrayvon MartinsJordan Davisâ™s Oscar Grants Isnâ™t it ironic that the same media Who were outraged at Martinâ™s killingMay have been the very ones who helped pull the trigger."â f

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I loved this book it helped me to understand the struggles of the ghetto, and to appreciate the up bringing that I had. I never saw a ghetto til I was 25 and because of the stories I had heard I was scared to go there, like the piece about the police officer I thought they were animals. I can understand their struggles more and I applaud those that make it out. I cab relate to the mother prayer for her son yet he still becomes a statistic as well as the daughter being abused and the mother doesn't care because she's comfortable with the man she us with. You have truly touched every aspect of how cruel this world can be to those of color, low income, and females, great book, God bless you keep writing and getting the word out...

I was blessed with the opportunity to read poetry from Gaiven. Each section inspired, encouraged

and empowered me. Each poem you could feel the emotion, the pain and the cry for things to change in our community. There are too many to single out one to call my favorite. Gaiven did a wonderful job with words that often brought tears to your eyes and fire to your soul. Voices from the Ghetto paints a vivid picture of a change needed but most of all it gives you the courage to stand up and make a change.

This is a book I can cuddle up to in my blankets and hear the dark and astonishing voices of people of the ghetto! To hear their stories their triumphs over race very good! I would say Maya Angelou 21st century!

I haven't finished the book entirely, but felt compelled to give a review regardless. This book is a look into a world that many don't understand or have knowledge of. For me, it was an amazing learning experience and one I won't forget. The author is an amazing poet and I look forward to reading other works of his. This author is on the road to changing minds and hearts all over the world.

This book made me feel happy, angry, sad and most important it made me stop and think. I recommend this book to anyone, but especially those parents who have young readers at home. Everyone has a story to tell, and this book tells so many of stories. I'm so glad I finally got some quiet time, so I could sit and read, because this is not the kind of book that is easy to leave. The Necklace stands out for me. " What does it mean to make it out of hell? If you can not help guide souls to Heaven". This speaks volumes about our black entertainers and sports figures.

Voices from the Ghetto offer prodigious insight into the mind and feelings of Author Gaiven Clairmont. His deep sadness about what is taking place in our world today jumps from the pages. With great divisions continuing to excel between cultures, how does one operating with a conscious make others aware? The lack of understanding and compassion; human society has turned on itself. It must have taken Author Gaiven Clairmont, a lot of soul searching and human observation to write Voices from the Ghetto. His candor speaks volumes from one narrative to the next. In between his written lines, you can hear the urgency in his voice. Trying to make sense of senseless acts taking place almost daily, his feelings are tangible. It is sagacious for not only the younger generation male or female, but also for the matured to read Voices from the Ghetto. â “EK Ellis\* I received this book free for review

A must read for every child of color , especially OUR YOUNG MEN , but also the young women of the world , in able to understand the struggles our young men face trying to become grown men. The world is not fair , the struggles continue , perhaps if our young children read this , they will gain the knowledge of how to vent in a positive way , and not fall into the trap the \* society\* would love to see us continue to participate in. Jails and morgues hold so many hostage when colleges are available if we stop vent and do better !!!!! For all of the people that have not received justice, and who's families are in pain , this author expresses his self in a way that is necessary to stay sane, with strength and knowledge and togetherness , we shall overcome.

I haven't finished this book, and I will take my time to do so. But I just had to leave a review. The poems I have read thus far are introspective and truly try to bring to light a want for more positivity among blacks, actually among any human. It is a great read. Don't rush to finish, take in the words and the spirit it was meant to be read in. This is a very heartfelt piece of work by Mr. Clairmont.

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