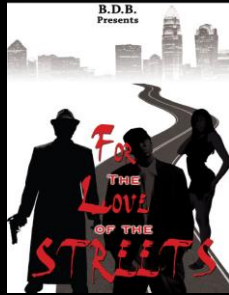


CEDRIC DEAN



For the Love of the Streets

by

C E D R I C D E A N

Reviews

My kid brother Ronnie was beaten to death in 1955 by prison guards at Mansfield Prison in Mansfield, Ohio. Since his death I have dedicated a portion of my life to visiting and writing men and women in prison in an attempt to inspire them to take the "High Road".

It has been a real joy to see that Brother Cedric Dean has taken this path. I am certain his book, "For the Love of the Streets", will inspire some of the other 1,500,000 Black men presently incarcerated to follow his example. Cedric's book is clearly from the Street, both in language and content, but how else to reach them without relating to where they are coming from.

It is my intention to help Cedric Dean get released from his unconscionable LIFE SENTENCE for the distribution of drugs. He has already served 13 years. In the meantime, please support his efforts to help others see a different perspective by buying this book. Cedric DEFINITELY needs to be FREE and spread his message of redemption on the Radio, TV, and the Internet, as well as presenting it in Prisons, Churches and Mosque seminars all over the world.

Dr. Kanya Vashon McGhee, Tree of Life Books of Harlem

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Cedric Dean is a remarkable writer with a realistic vision that reflects true urban

Street life. Having known him personally and being taught the "Riding Game" by him. For *The Love Of The Streets* is an enthralling and gripping street tale with twists and turns that will galvanize the mind to the harsh reality of a vicious cycle that many youth face today.

O.G. Kiko, Author of the *Fourth Coming*: "Live by the Gun, Die by the Gun."

"This tale will transmogrify the way gangsters think...transform the way the act...and potentially transmute their undying love for the streets."

King David, Lyricist

I first heard of Cedric Dean on December 10, 2005. I was playing at a benefit for the Southern Center for Human Rights in San Francisco. After performing, a young man told me of how his father had given employment to an African American teenager to try and help him break from the streets of Charlotte, North Carolina, it was not to be. On May 20, 1996 Cedric Dean was sentenced to a term of life imprisonment plus five years for the sale of crack cocaine. I have visited Cedric in federal prison twice since that evening. I discovered a very special man, an author who had written eight books since his incarceration. You now hold his ninth book, "*For the Love of the Streets*". I am proud to call him my friend. He is a power of example to me and all who cross his path.

Throughout the centuries authors have sent their spirits beyond the walls that bind them. In every case they give of themselves wisdom learned at tremendous cost. Prison has not changed that for Cedric Dean. The harsh lessons of life are seared deep upon his soul. These lessons have ultimately transformed him. He has become a teacher who gives guidance through his writing. Cedric teaches that family matters, respect matters, looking out for others matters, and most importantly, that choices matter.

Cedric's writings are those of hope that reach far past his present barriers. Cedric Dean's light shines on his life's tragedies without malice and point to a better way for those tempted to follow in the footsteps of his youth. His work is centered in redemption, a gift from him to the world, a gift that all of us can share. I applaud you Cedric Dean.

- As a people, African Americans make up 12% of these United States and 40% of its prison population. -

Arthur Godfrey Songwriter

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"For the Love of the Streets" is a book about the hard lessons learned in life when the dark choices people make walk with them. Sometimes, because of our past mistakes, we may think that it is impossible to start over. However, God is a giver of second, third and fourth chances. It is never too late to begin again.

As an author, Cedric Dean takes his eyes off' his past mistakes and is ever mindful of his steps going forward. He has embraced the light. Cedric understands that when we are willing to work with the creator of this universe, we will begin to find peace and hope for tomorrow. He realizes that with every twist and turn of the journey one must remember that God can show up for you in the face of a friend, in the voice of a family member, or even in the words of this book. Cedric Dean is a man who is giving life a second chance, not only to bless himself, but possibly the whole world.

Namaste' - Reverend Denise Yeargin , Unity Church for Positive Living - Old Hickory, Tennessee

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Friendship, betrayal, survival. These are lessons taught and learned the hard way in Cedric Dean's debut novel, For the Love of the Streets. Dean's book is a gripping story of what can happen when the streets are all you know and love.

Kimberly T. Matthews, Author of the Perfect Shoe

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