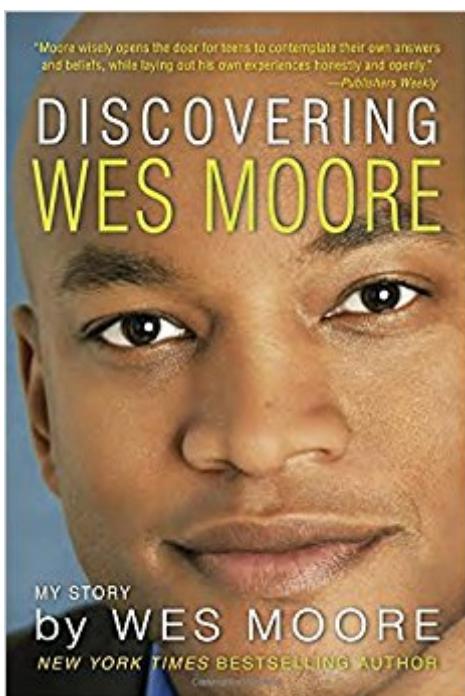


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# Discovering Wes Moore (The Young Adult Adaptation)



## Synopsis

For fans of The Wire and Unbroken comes a story of two fatherless boys from Baltimore, both named Wes Moore. One is in prison, serving a life sentence for murder. The other is a Rhodes Scholar, an army veteran, and an author whose book is being turned into a movie produced by Oprah Winfrey. Two men. One overcame adversity. The other suffered the indignities of poverty. Their stories are chronicled in Discovering Wes Moore, a book for young people based on Wes Moore's bestselling adult memoir, The Other Wes Moore. The story of "the other Wes Moore" is one that the author couldn't get out of his mind, not since he learned that another boy with his name just two years his senior grew up in the same Baltimore neighborhood. He wrote that boy now a man a letter, not expecting to receive a reply. But a reply came, and a friendship grew, as letters turned into visits and the two men got to know each other. Eventually, that friendship became the inspiration for Discovering Wes Moore, a moving and cautionary tale examining the factors that contribute to success and failure—and the choices that make all the difference. Includes an 8-page photo insert. From the Hardcover edition.

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Gr 8 Up-Wes Moore-two different people from the same area with the same name. One graduated

with honors from military school and was the first African American graduate of Johns Hopkins to become a Rhodes Scholar. The other Wes Moore landed in prison; he is serving a life sentence for murder. Both men were children of single mothers who worked hard to keep their sons out of trouble and keep food on the table. Why and where did their paths diverge? In 2010, the author wrote of his experiences and successes in *The Other Wes Moore* (Spiegel & Grau, 2010), and he has now adapted that book for teen readers. He talks of his own accomplishments and life experiences as a kid who might have gone astray had his mother not sent him to Valley Forge. While he was at Oxford, his mother told him of the other young man, and he never quite forgot about him. He started writing him letters, and, surprisingly, Wes responded from prison. The two men struck up a rapport that continued through letters and visits to the prison. This book is well written and is an interesting and engaging story, although it is a bit rushed, at times. It's a thought-provoking read that will cause teens to question their own lives and decisions, and, hopefully, show how adults can lend help, even when they think it's not necessary.-Traci Glass, Eugene Public Library, ORÂ Â (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

The title of this memoir isn't a metaphor; it's an astonishing fact. In a poor Bronx 1980s neighborhood, Moore's single-parent mom worked multiple jobs so that he could attend private school, and she raged about his low grades as he tried to fit into both worlds. ("I was ashamed of being embarrassed about my own home.") After he narrowly escapes prison, she sends him to military school, and at 15, he becomes the youngest sergeant in the entire corps; at 16, a paratrooper. His hero is Colin Powell. But then Wes discovers, literally, another Wes Moore, who is like his double. This Wes, who grew up in the hood, dealt drugs, and spent time in juvie, wanted to quit dealing and support his kids, but he ended up shooting a cop and received a life sentence in prison, where the author visits him. The messages are loud and purposeful but never simple, and readers will recognize the scary truth: "his story could have been mine." Great for group discussion, this includes a final resource list and photographs. Grades 7-12. --Hazel Rochman --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

I liked Wes Moore's story so much that I wish I had liked it even more. His story was compelling and honestly told. He didn't pull punches and he also avoided either the phony glamorization or the sordid wallowing in his life in a dangerous neighborhood and his escape from it. I liked this book and the young man who so sincerely wrote it. I gave it only four stars because there was some sense of

analysis that I was missing. But, that, perhaps, was his point--there is no way to explain why or how one young man succeeds and another down the very same street does not. Congratulations to Mr. Moore on being able to write such a challenging book.

I recommend all young Black men read this book. It has lessons they can all learn from that can be a guide for them when they have to make hard choices while growing up.

As a 12 year old it was important to read that your environment does not define you. I found the book to be inspiring. I acknowledge that although one makes mistakes it takes wisdom to take responsibility and what follows is a call for action. My mother always says "with awareness comes action." I enjoyed the book very much

My rising 8th grader had to read this as part of his summer reading assignment. He completely enjoyed it and it kept his attention. He read it in a couple of sittings.

An interesting adaptation of the author's original memoir. Very well suited to the YA audience it was written for. Great story about choices and opportunities.

This book was great! My 13 yr old joined a book club at her school and this was the 1st book the Principal introduced. After hearing from my daughter about the first 3 chapters, I became intrigued so downloaded the book myself, read it along with her and she and I discussed each chapter daily.

This book was for my son's summer reading. He enjoyed the book and that was exciting to me because getting a teenager boy to read is no easy task.

My son's school is reading this book. It's a great read!

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