

# Black Boy Out of Time: A Memoir by Hari Ziyad - A Journey Through Childhood Trauma, Incarceration, and Redemption

In his gripping and unforgettable memoir, *Black Boy Out of Time*, Hari Ziyad takes us on a harrowing journey through his life, from his traumatic childhood to his time spent in prison and his eventual redemption. Born to a crack-addicted mother and raised in a violent and impoverished neighborhood, Ziyad's early life was filled with unimaginable pain and hardship.



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As a young boy, Ziyad witnessed the shooting death of his best friend. He was beaten by his stepfather and sexually abused by an older neighbor. By the age of 14, he was selling drugs and carrying a gun. At 16, he was arrested for armed robbery and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

While in prison, Ziyad began to turn his life around. He earned his GED, became a mentor to other inmates, and began writing poetry. After his release, he continued to work towards redemption, earning a college degree and becoming a successful businessman and author.

*Black Boy Out of Time* is a powerful and inspiring story of resilience and triumph. Ziyad's journey is a testament to the human spirit's ability to overcome even the most difficult circumstances. His memoir is a must-read for anyone interested in the complexities of race, justice, and the human spirit.

## **Childhood Trauma**

Ziyad's childhood was marked by unimaginable pain and hardship. He was born to a crack-addicted mother who was unable to care for him. He was raised in a violent and impoverished neighborhood, where he witnessed the shooting death of his best friend at a young age.

Ziyad's stepfather was a violent and abusive man who beat him regularly. He was also sexually abused by an older neighbor. As a result of his traumatic childhood, Ziyad developed a deep sense of anger and mistrust.

## **Incarceration**

At the age of 16, Ziyad was arrested for armed robbery and sentenced to 10 years in prison. He spent the next decade of his life behind bars, where he was exposed to violence, drugs, and gangs.

However, Ziyad also found a sense of community and belonging in prison. He became a mentor to other inmates and began writing poetry. He also earned his GED and began to turn his life around.

## Redemption

After his release from prison, Ziyad continued to work towards redemption. He earned a college degree and became a successful businessman and author. He also founded a non-profit organization that works to help formerly incarcerated people reintegrate into society.

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