



Walter Dean Myers

Author Presentation

Douglas King

Background

- Born in Martinsburg, West Virginia in 1937
- One of eight children
- Mother died
- Taken in by Herbert and Florence Dean
- Family moved to Harlem
 - Experiences that influenced him to write

Background

- Speech impediment
- Dropped out of High School
- Joined Army
- Big break came in 1969
- *Where Does the Day Go?*
- Volunteers at local schools in Jersey City
- Married twice
- Four Children
- Still alive at age 63

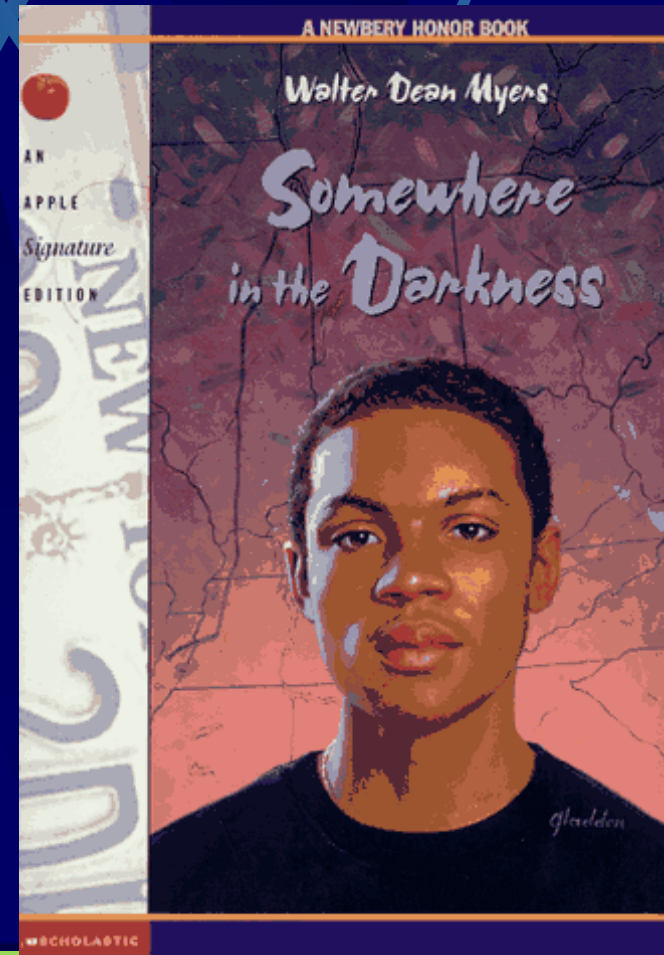
Myers' Career

- Has written over 50 Novels
- 2 Series
 - Eighteen Pine Street
 - The Arrow
- Won over 34 ALA awards

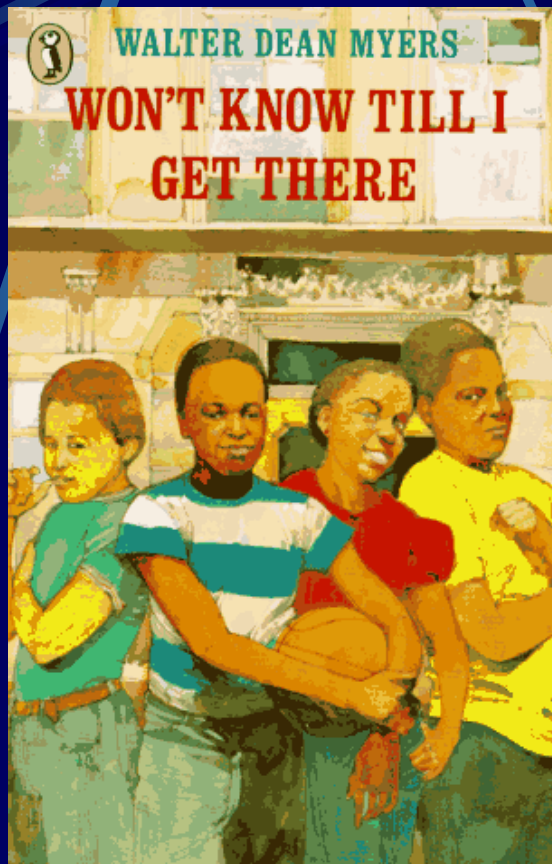


Somewhere in the Darkness

- Newbery Honor Book
- Boy named Jimmy Little
- Reunited With Father
- Travel to Chicago
- Friend Rydell Turns him in to police



Won't Know Till I Get There



- Stephen Perry
- Diary Style
- Parents Adopt troubled youth named Earl
- Community Service
- Old folks home

Me, Mop, and the Moondance Kid

- TJ
- Adoption
- Baseball Team
- Academy is closing
- Mop wants to be adopted by the baseball coach
- Elks play for the Championship

Common Attributes

- Inner city youths
- Troubled or broken homes
- Deal with real life situations
- Main characters are African-American

Developmental Tasks

- Development of Friendship with people of the same age
- Achieving relationships with the opposite sex
- Changing relationship with parents
- Become aware of Value patterns

Other Novels

- Monster
- Malcolm X
- Fallen Angels
- Fast Sam, Cool Clyde and Stuff
- Hoops



Questions?