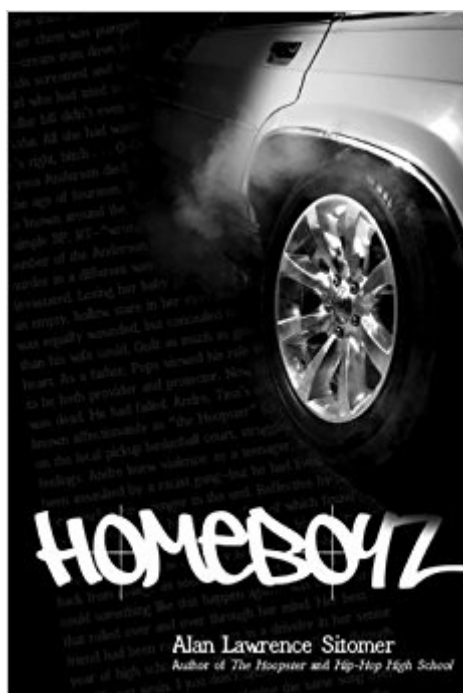


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# Homeboyz



## Synopsis

When Teddy Anderson's little sister Tina is gunned down randomly in a drive-by shooting, the gangstas who rule the streets in the Anderson family's rapidly deteriorating neighborhood dismiss the incident as just another case of RP, RT-wrong place, wrong time. According to gangsta logic, Tina doesn't even count as a statistic. Teddy's family is devastated. Mrs. Anderson sinks into deep depression while Pops struggles to run both the household and his declining laundry business. The Andersons are shocked still further when Teddy is arrested and thrown in prison for attempted homicide after his elaborately laid plans for revenge against his sister's killer are foiled by the cops. Teddy soon finds himself out of prison on house arrest, and in the capable hands of Officer Mariana Diaz, the smart, tough probation officer assigned to oversee his endless hours of community service. As part of the innovative rehabilitation program Diaz runs, Teddy is assigned to tutor Micah, a twelve-year-old orphan and would-be gansta. As Teddy goes through the motions of complying with the terms of his probation, Diaz has no idea that he is using his genius-level computer hacker skills to plot his final vengeance and to defraud the state education system of hundreds of thousands of dollars. But even though Teddy thinks he knows it all, he fails to see how Micah's desperate need for love and trust just might have the power not only to pierce all Teddy's defenses, but to save his family.

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## Customer Reviews

In this decidedly unsubtle sequel to *Hip-Hop High School* (Hyperion, 2006), sullen computer wiz Teddy sets out for revenge after gangbangers gun down his sister, Tina, in a drive-by shooting.

After an up close encounter with the horrors of California's juvenile justice system in the wake of a failed first try, he's sentenced to a mentoring program for at-risk youth that forcibly hooks him up with hot but hard-nosed parole officer Mariana and wild, foulmouthed preteen Micah. Sitomer frequently breaks away from the story for clunky minilectures: "The lack of money, Teddy knew, kept thousands and thousands of inner-city kids like Micah from getting the educational services they needed." And Micah's instant reform is just one of several strands of blatant wish-fulfillment. Still, the tale's violent, rough-hewn plot and street-inflected language supply sufficient intensity to carry the heavy agenda. By the end, Teddy is no more likeable, but at least he's slightly more socialized. Peters, John --This text refers to the Audible Audio Edition edition.

Alan Lawrence Sitomer is California's 2007 Teacher of the Year. In addition to being an inner-city high school English teacher and professor in the Graduate School of Education at Loyola Marymount University, Mr. Sitomer is a nationally renowned speaker specializing in engaging reluctant readers who received the 2004 award for Classroom Excellence from the Southern California Teachers of English and the 2003 Teacher of the Year honor from California Literacy. Homeboyz is the final volume in his young adult trilogy of novels that began with The Hoopster and Hip-Hop High School. Alan is also the author of Hip-Hop Poetry and The Classics, a text used in classrooms across the United States to engage disengaged students.

I teach 9th grade English and ordered this book last year. This year was my first reading it with a class, and I can't believe how much my students enjoyed it. One of my classes is FILLED with reluctant readers... It's also made up of 17 boys and just 3 girls. When we started reading the novel, kids who never volunteer to read were practically out of their seats with eagerness. (I have a hunch they just wanted the chance to say a curse word in class :) ). They loved it. We had great discussions and some students admitted it was the first book they've ever read completely. "Can we read more books like this?" they asked. I was so impressed with their reaction that I ordered it for my 16-year-old brother.

I USED THIS BOOK AS A "READ-ALOUD" TO MY STUDENTS.....I HAVE THEM SITTING ON THE EDGE WAITING FOR ME TO CONTINUE READING.....WHEN I STOP JUST WHEN THE CLIMAX IS COMING! THIS IS A PAGE TURNER., AND IT HAS A GREAT ENDING!!!

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My 13 year old son really enjoyed reading this book.

My 13 year old son loves to read but has a difficult time finding good books on his level. He has enjoyed reading books by this author and looks forward to reading all of them

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