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The Black His-Story Book: A Collection of Narratives from Black Male Mentors.



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Foreword

Who Do You Think We Are?

Black men are assets to society. Every day more than 1 million black men do something to support the development of a young person who is not their child. They do so as coaches, teachers, mentors, friends of the family and “community fathers.” Often times these actions go overlooked because they didn’t sign up to a formal mentoring organization. But the young people whom they influence remember Mr. Butler, Mr. Williams, Mr. Corbin or Mr. Peay for showing them how a black man behaves and should behave; for believing in them even if they did not yet believe in themselves.

Every day, such brothers invisibly make our communities stronger. They are the living proof that we can and do aspire to achieve greatness, every day. The next time someone tells you what the dropout rate is, tell them that there are more than 5.4-million black people with college degrees. The next time they tell you that black unemployment is high, remind them that from 2002-2007 black people created businesses at a rate more than three times the national average. Achievement is *normal* in the black community, we just want more of it.

Every day brothers like the ones featured in this compendium pass you on the sidewalk, or you see them in an elevator, a restaurant, or on your job and you wouldn’t even know all the good that they do because you’ve never asked. Giving back is *normal* in the black community. We give 25% more of our personal income to charity than any other group in America. Volunteering is so common and ubiquitous that we don’t even call it volunteering, we call it “helping out.”

Every day, brothers help out in a million ways. Each of these stories to follow is one in a million.

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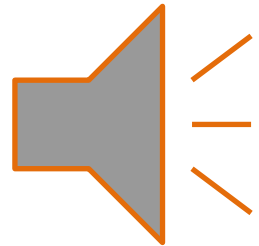
BMe builds caring and prosperous communities led by inspired black men.

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Black Male Mentors Share, Inspire, Empower

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During the month of January, two Philly-based mentors went live on the air with the award-winning Dr. Vibe to discuss mentoring, brotherhood and important issues facing their communities. **CLICK** on their pictures to hear the interview!

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Blessed with a Brother from another Mother.



Paying it Forward: I'm still a Mentee, but now I Mentor.



I Coach Because He Coached: Inspired by Men Who Mentor.



How A Young Father's Death Made Me A Mentor.



The Truth About Black Male Mentors.



Mentor of Chicago Girl Who Died After Performing for Obama Speaks Out.

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One Man Reflects on the Role Mentoring had on his Life.



You Don't Have to be Perfect to be a Mentor.



Brutal Honesty: How Being Tormented Made me a Mentor.



A Speechless Conversation between Mentor and Mentee.



How My Final Suicide Attempt Attracted My First Mentor.



I Just Realized my First Boss was my First Mentor.

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Things Black Men and Boys Say

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BMe Leader Rashaun ["DJ Reezey"](#) Williams leads a conversation about manhood, masculinity and mentorship.

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BMe Leader Rueben Jones ignites the crowd when he talks about society's perception of black men and boys.

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I Rejected the Idea of Being a Mentor, Now I am One.



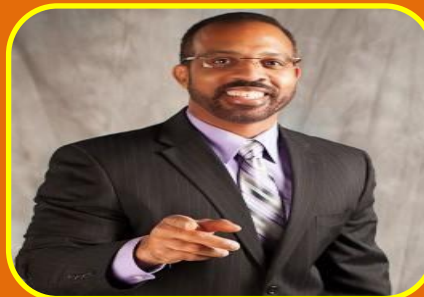
Mentors Needed: Superheroes Need Not Apply.



In Mentorship, Collaborative Self Discovery is Key.



A Mentor on a Mission to Embrace, Impact & Encourage.



Mentoring Begins at Home.



My Mentor Didn't Just Change My Behavior, He Changed How I Think.



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