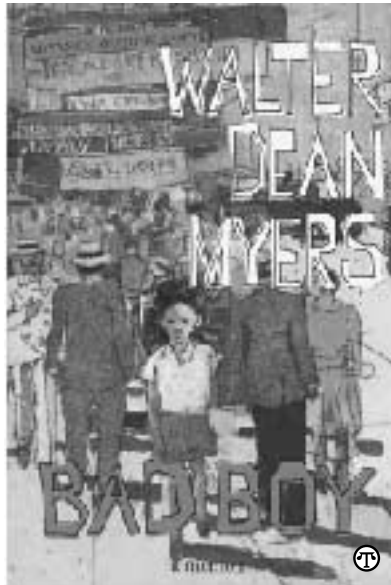




Harlem Was His Home

(NAPSA)—Harlem was the first place Walter Dean Myers called home.

In his autobiography, *Bad Boy* (HarperCollins, \$15.95) Myers remembers Harlem in the '40s and '50s, when Harlem was a magical place, alive with music



***Bad Boy*, the touching memoir of award-winning author Walter Dean Myers, reads like fiction.**

that spilled onto the busy streets, bright colors and enticing smells, a place you might encounter Langston Hughes, Sugar Ray Robinson and Jackie Robinson.

There's a lot for teens to relate to and identify with in this funny, poignant memoir that reads like fiction.

Growing up, Myers was considered a "bad boy." Always an excellent reader, he was hampered by speech and behavioral problems that affected his grades, year after year, until he dropped out of New York City's prestigious Stuyvesant High School.

Eventually, Myers discovered writing and became the award-winning author of several children's books. Myers is the winner of the 2000 Printz Award for excellence in literature for young adults. He is the author of *Monster*; the Newbery Honor Books, *Scorpions* and *Somewhere in the Darkness*; and *Harlem*.