Myers, Walter Dean, 1937-

**Alternative Names:** Walter Dean Myers; Walter Milton Myers

**Life Dates:** August 12, 1937-July 1, 2014

**Place of Birth:** Martinsburg, West Virginia, USA

**Work:** Red Hook, NY

**Occupations:** Fiction Writer

**Biographical Note**

Author of over seventy children’s and young adult books, Walter Dean Myers was born Walter Milton Myers on August 12, 1937, in Martinsburg, West Virginia. At age two, Myers’s mother, Mary Green, died, and Florence Brown Dean, his father’s ex-wife and her husband, Herbert Dean, raised him. Growing up on 121st and Morningside in the Harlem neighborhood of New York City, Myers, a troubled youth, struggled with a speech impediment but loved
to read. Myers attended P.S. 125 and JHS 143, but dropped out of Stuyvesant High School twice; once in 1952, and again in 1954. After serving in the United States Army from 1957 to 1960, Myers worked at the Harlem Post Office and the New York State Department of Labor; he also attended classes at City College of New York, Columbia University, and at SUNY Empire State College, where he graduated in 1984.


Myers religiously wrote ten pages a day, after his morning walk. Myers lived with his wife, Constance, and son Christopher, the youngest of three children, in
Jersey City, New Jersey.

Myers passed away on July 1, 2014.

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