Never Go Home Again



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From the "Essence" bestselling author, comes this heartrending novel about troubled youth. Shannon Holmes, "Essence" bestselling author of "B-More Careful" and "Bad Girlz", and one of the brightest stars in urban fiction, returns with a dramatic must-read novel inspired by his own life. "Never Go Home Again" is the story of Corey Dixon, a young man whose father tries as best he can to steer him away from the lure of the streets. And yet, like so many others in Corey's neighbourhood, he finds the temptations of the lucrative drug trade too great to resist. While he makes fast money for a while, it is inevitable that it is he who has to pay, with his time and maybe even his life: by the age of 16 Corey is locked up. Incarcerated in Riker's Island and then in prisons upstate, Corey lives through experiences that threaten to destroy his body, his mind and eventually his spirit. But in the midst of his horrific imprisonment he discovers new strength to keep himself together and survive. Corey meets a few kind souls who mean him well, including a teacher who encourages him to get out of prison and make something of himself. The teacher also advises Corey to " "never go home again." "Though the homesick Corey does not immediately understand, he ultimately realises the wisdom of his mentor's words. Unflinching and riveting, this story is the firsthand account of the brutal, unforgiving inner-city streets and prison life, as well as a difficult lesson in accepting responsibility and moving on.

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