

## Feedback from readers on Saving Our Sons

Hotep Brother Paul Grant,

Let me take this opportunity to say 'THANK YOU' for your book, as an Afrikan man and Father to a son it gives the best guidance and clarity I've ever seen on paper. I've recently read a friend's copy which is why I'm purchasing my own, I'm showing it to all my parental friends who like me struggle to raise our children with an Afrikan consciousness in this non-conscious european environment, so once again thank you for providing more tools for us to rise together as family.

Keep the printing press rolling!

Hotep

Danny

Greetings Bro. Ifayomi:

I just wanted to e-mail you to introduce myself. My name is Bro. Jason.....

I am very familiar with your work (i.e. Blue Skies for Afrikans, Saving our Sons) and I've heard you on LIB Radio with Keidi several times. I don't think it gets expressed enough among brothers, but I am very appreciative of your work and what you represent. Your thoughts, insights and observations have significantly contributed to my perpetual growth and development as an Afrikan Man. I look forward to reading and studying more of your work and hope to continue dialog in the future. I am also in the process of planning a trip to the U.K. in the not too distant future, because I believe that we must find and build with our Afrikan family wherever we are all over this world.

Furthermore, the passing of Baba Asa Hilliard prompted several thoughts/questions in my mind: If there is no dialogue sparked between brothers like myself (the "rookies") and yourself ("the seasoned veterans"), who will be able to continue this action/dialogue into the future? Where will our guidance come from? Whom, besides ourselves, of course, will be a continuous source of encouragement and wisdom because they have travelled the same direction that we/I am/are attempting to?

I appreciate you taking the time to read this e-mail and I definitely look forward to reading/speaking to you in the future.

Afrikan Liberation,

Bro. Jason

I found your website in your great book 'Saving Our Sons'

I'm studying journalism at university, however, I was really impressed by Mr Ifayomi Grant's thoughts about how we as a black people should be in charge of our own path, in reference to

his passage on Careers and Jobs. This rhetoric has made me analyse my future, and where I want to go as journalist and writer.

Justin

Greetings Baba Ifayomi,

It's very unusual for me to use a "vacation" day by reading a book but both of yours were picked up from the post office right after lunch and I finished *Saving Our Sons* about a half hour ago. Immaculate. Don't know of a better, plainly written, fact-filled, caring piece of literature for our sons and those adults who love them than this. Excellent questions (for thought) and suggested "home" remedies for what ails us. Can't think of a better way to emphasize the point than to have a photo of the entire family on the back cover. Nice looking family. Medase for the kind words also. Are you marketing it here through Bro. Nati of Afrikan World Books? Will be ordering *Blue Skies* tonight or tomorrow. How many readers do you have (a few typos and grammar problems detected). I have three, and still end up with an error or two. More readers may solve the problem in your book(s). But that is not a complaint because the errors were few and far in between. The work is just too good to have any. Congratulations on this. I expect the other two will be no less phenomenal. No problem in the delay. It was well worth the wait.

Peace, Baruti

Bro Paul,

Just finished the last of your books." Saving our Sons," just wanted to congratulate you on three great books. It's so refreshing to read on a uk perspective. Insightful and right on the ball.  
Big Respect.

Bro Raymond uk

Bro Ifayomi,

I finished your wonderful book. It's a work all parents of Black sons should have in their library.

There's a lot here to process. It's a starting point for in-depth research, like your section on Black men/white women. There's a mutual attraction there, but I don't think its a healthy one. Bros here are attracted to European women not because of their physical appearance, but because of their greater access to & willingness to share their financial resources.

Many bros here find white women to "take care of them" in ways sisters just won't, but these are not terribly attractive or educated women. In the main, these are women white men don't really want, i.e., they are usually old, fat, uneducated. So they don't care if bros take their rejects. In fact, a bro w/a white wife they feel has been de-Africanized & can be trusted in ways other Black men can't.

Finally, your section on culture & its value could have been more substantive. Culture, specifically African cultural orientations are what's going to save us. Inculcating the best of our African heritage in our youth is essential. Without it, those who are better educated will be assimilated into the European majority & disappear as a phenotype, which of course, is part of their strategy once they totally destroy the Black man, they'll take the women that they want & leave the rest.

We are already seeing a great deal of this. White males are vigorously pursuing educated Black women. Any sista who wants a white boy can easily get one to "provide" for them. And, for the most part, they'll do a better job than brother man because as white males they have greater access to economic resources. & everyone knows that sistas want to live good & there ain't no harm in that. But, laying up w/the sons of those who raped their grandmothers & castrated their grandfathers demonstrates just how lacking we are in ethnic pride.

Let me stop here. I know you are finding 72 Concepts useful because it contains the core vocab that we need to both understand & transform our group situation.

Asante sana for agreeing to swap books. I'll share your work w/those who I know working w/young Black males.

Peace & Blessings

Bro Hotep

PS: Check out Reginald Clark's Family Life & School Achievement: Why Poor Black Children Succeed or Fail. It's probably the best book on the impact of parents on Black student success.

Greetings Brotha Ifayomi

Fantastic Read!!! Did you make this book for me individually? Felt as if you knew my life story. I was so sick of school by the time i reached 12th grade, I vowed to never set foot in another 1 in my lifetime. I reluctantly went to class as a student athlete in college. The 1 class that i did go to with some type of spunk was History(Classical European, Greek, Roman, American Colonial etc.) I would go to class as if I was the FBI/CIA badgering my instructors with the absence of Blacks/Afrikans.

I was a straight A student through out k-6. Some where between 7-8 I got tired of European glorification/school. I had been labeled as an agitator by teachers because of my unwillingness to submit to the attack/education. My poor parents were not aware of this. They were brought up in the madness so they helped suppress my Afrikan Fire. At the time I didn't know it was an Afrikan I was longing to identify with. I just knew in my heart that everybody was acting like everything was gonna be alright just as long as we kept on keeping on with ignoring our decline.

Slavery, Slavery, Slavery.,Beat over our head every Month of Feb./black history month..."What in the world is black history???" I would ask. "I want to go on a field trip to black!!!" I would shout. Old negro spirituals sobbing every time you see MLK, Rosa Parks, Fredrick Douglas, etc...I would have to leave class because my body would heat up in disgust. Who faught back!! I'm tired of looking at our butts getting kicked with no response of violence!! This does not make sense!!(by this time I would be kicked out of class as I wanted)

Marcus Garvey wasn't mentioned, Malcom, Nile Valley Civilizations, George G.M. James, Dr. Clarke, C. Williams, Chek Ante Diop, Timbuktu, Mali, Sanghi, Nat Turner, Mau Mau, Black Panthers, etc..NOTHING INVOLVING ME OR MY PEOPLES CONTRIBUTIONS AND OR RESISTANCE. I grew up in the state of

Florida. This is a hop skip and a jump fro the Carribbean islands.

DIDNT EVEN KNOW THE HAITIAN REVOLUTION EXISTED.....

I digress....

I am reading this book along with my 10 year old son as I speak. I aint got time to wait under these circumstances.

Thanks for this tool of liberation/Book Brother  
Best Regards

Devon