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# We beat the street: How a friendship pact led to success

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Reviewer: Gillian Streeter

Reading Level: Intermediate, Young Adult

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Biography; Informational Books;

Subject: African American youth--New Jersey--Newark--Biography--Juvenile literature; Friendship--Juvenile literature; Success--Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews;

The "Three Doctors," authors of *The Pact*, have come out with another book for young adult readers chronicling their experiences growing up in the ghetto and triumphing over great odds to become doctors. Davis, Hunt, and Jenkins present vignettes of their lives through the time they were young children to the time they all graduated from medical school and found practices out in the world. Each recounts his personal trials and what motivated him to keep trying and not backslide into the world of drugs and gangs that kills so many every day.

The writing is not all by the "Three Doctors" - Draper helped make it all into one unified narrative through a series of interviews. This makes for sometimes jumpy and stilted reading, but the drama of the doctors' lives and challenges comes through clearly. This book is aimed at inspiring young people in similar situations to the three boys to climb out of the despair and despondency of inner-city life and strive to become all that they can be. This book is worthwhile, exciting, and inspiring - a good guide for those in troubled times.