



Bring JD & Marcus Into Your Classroom

A Chicago-rooted chapter book series that gets kids reading, thinking, and talking about friendship, community, and courage. Built for the classrooms, libraries, and after-school programs that shape young readers.

AGES 7-12

GRADES 2-6

SERIES + COMPANION

CHAPTER BOOKS + ACTIVITY BOOKS

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WHY IT WORKS IN THE CLASSROOM

Four Ways This Series Moves the Needle



READING GROWTH

Approachable vocabulary with sequential plots that build confidence chapter-to-chapter. Designed for emerging readers who need momentum, not overwhelm.



SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Friendship, courage, agency, and problem-solving are woven through every mystery. Maps cleanly to CASEL self-awareness and relationship skills.



CULTURAL REPRESENTATION

Authentic Black boyhood set in a real working-class Midwest neighborhood. Kids see themselves, their streets, and their people on the page.



CIVIC LITERACY

Book 3 introduces community history, local government, and civic memory. A natural bridge to Social Studies and community service units.



THE AUTHOR

Jay Davis

Writer, producer, filmmaker, and children's author from Bellwood, Illinois. Creator of *Creative Hustle* on TUBI, founder of Chicago IndieCon, and creator of the Bernie Mac Lifetime Achievement Award. The series is inspired by his real childhood on Linden Avenue.



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TO THE CITY OF
BELLWOOD

The Series, Standards, Pricing & Booking

Everything you need to bring JD & Marcus into your classroom, library, or district reading program.

THE SERIES

Three Books. One Neighborhood.

 <p>The Adventures of JD & Marcus Book 1 · ISBN 979-8-319113-03-0 A shy kid moves to a new neighborhood and is pulled into nonstop adventures by his bold new best friend. The story that started it all.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP COURAGE</p>	 <p>The Secrets of Linden Avenue Book 2 · ISBN 979-8-297586-83-3 A time-capsule scavenger hunt pulls the boys into riddles, clues, and a hidden legacy that tests teamwork and courage.</p> <p>MYSTERY TEAMWORK</p>	 <p>The Secrets Beyond Linden Avenue Book 3 · ISBN 979-8-234-00263-1 The adventure scales beyond the neighborhood. Hidden messages, forgotten history, and a puzzle that may change Bellwood forever.</p> <p>CIVIC MEMORY LEGACY</p>	<p>COMPANION</p> <p>Activity & Coloring Book Classroom Companion Puzzles, coloring pages, and hands-on activities pulled from the world of Linden Avenue. Built for read-alouds, centers, and independent classroom use.</p> <p>CLASSROOM HANDS-ON</p>
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CURRICULUM TIE-INS

Aligned to Standards You Already Teach

- ✓ **CCSS ELA Reading Literature**
Character, plot, theme, inference (grades 2–5)
- ✓ **Writing & Discussion Prompts**
Companion workbook + activity/coloring books
- ✓ **Social Studies & Civics**
Community history, local government, civic memory
- ✓ **CASEL SEL Competencies**
Self-awareness, relationship skills, decision-making
- ✓ **ISBE Unit Plan**
Illinois-aligned teacher unit plan available on request
- ✓ **Cultural Representation**
Authentic Black boyhood in a real Midwest community





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AUTHOR VISITS

Book Jay to Speak at Your School or Library

 <p>Classroom Visit Single classroom read and Q&A, 45 to 60 minutes.</p>	 <p>School Assembly Full-school reading and talk, all ages together.</p>	 <p>Library Event Public library reading, signing, and community meet.</p>	 <p>Creative Residency Multi-day residency with writing workshops.</p>
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Get Started

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