



D. Watkins
Goucher University

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5:00pm-7:00pm

Science Building Room 142

About the Book:

The country's urban war zone is brought powerfully to life by a rising young literary talent, D. Watkins. The author fought his way up on the east side (the "beast side") of Baltimore, Maryland or "Bodymore, Murderland," as his friends call it surviving murderous business rivals in the drug trade and equally predatory lawmen. Throughout it all, he pursued his education, earning a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University, while staying rooted in his community.

When black residents of Baltimore finally decided they had had enough; after the brutal killing of twenty-five-year-old Freddie Gray while in police custody, Watkins was on the streets when the city erupted. He writes about his bleeding hometown with the razor-sharp insights of someone who bleeds along with it. Here are true dispatches from the other side of America.

About the Author:

D. Watkins is an award-winning writer, educator, and speaker. Watkins is a columnist for Salon magazine and his work has been published in The New York Times, The Guardian, NPR, The Rolling Stone, The Huffington Post, Aeon, AlterNet, The City Paper and other magazines. Johns Hopkins Magazine writes, "Watkins storytelling is filling a void that mainstream journalism has left behind." He has lectured at countless events and programs around the country. Watkins was the winner of Baltimore Magazine's "Best Writer," award for 2015 and featured in the Baltimore Business Journal as being one of the top 40 under 40 to watch. Watkins currently holds a Master's in Education from Johns Hopkins University and an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Baltimore. He is a professor at Goucher University and runs a creative writing workshop at the Baltimore Free School. His memoir *Cook Up*, will be published by Grand Central in 2016.