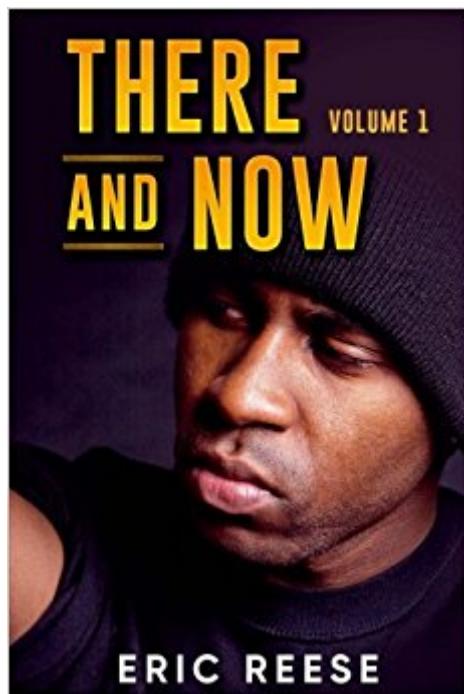


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# There And Now (Volume 1)



## Synopsis

There and Now (Volume 1) weaves the story of a young man called Lil E and his life growing up in Philadelphia. In the mid-1970s, in inner-city Philly, was an interesting place for an African-American boy, and Lil E remembers it all. Starting from his first memories of his time in the crib, There and Now explores every tumultuous turn in his life, from his father's custodianship to the time he set pillows on fire, his experience in daycare, going through desegregation and learning to always fight back when bullied. Because Lil E, no matter how much he grew, was always being the person everyone wanted to tease and pick on. But bullying was far from the only thing in Lil E's life. An adolescence built in the 1980s built and broken in the fire of crime, hip hop, the challenges of urban life, and the true nature of paternal relationships. Between the smiles of nostalgia to tears of regret, There and Now is a book that will pull you along a journey full of history and emotion.

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Reviewed by Vincent F. A. Golphin for Readers' Favorite

Regardless of your condition in life, the most important thing that you can do for yourself is to stand up.

Lil E went through a lot. The story is about every youth of color who grew up in inner city America.

The book is off the hook but I was disappointed ,that I have to wait for more.Excellent reading with a lot of excitement.

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through desegregation, and learning to fight back when he was bullied. Though its short, only about 60 or so pages, I found it to be a very enjoyable read. There were some parts I really related to, some parts that made me smile and some that made me sad, because I remember experiencing similar things growing up as being one of the only brown kids in an all white class (two of us were natives and one was black). Some of the references to pop culture in the 80s was especially enjoyable for me because I love movies and music that comes from that era, even though I was born in the early 90s. He spends a lot of time talking about girls, which originally kind of annoyed me, but thinking back to my own child and teenage years, I spent a lot of my time thinking about boys and girls too. I realized I was bisexual when I was in seventh or eighth grade, so I can't really blame the guy for admiring girls, since I did the same thing hah. My favorite part of the book was probably when he talks about his dog, Bubble Gum. It just made me smile. I only really have two criticisms, one being that the formatting is a little difficult to read for long periods of time because it runs on a little and I think it could use more paragraph breaks, and another being that there were a few spelling and grammar mistakes. But honestly, these are not things that effect the feel or soul of the book. Its still incredibly charming and a fun read. Overall, I really enjoyed this autobiography and I highly recommend it.

Life is a journey and since there is no manual of living it right, we learn through mistakes and lesson from others, as well as our own. There and Now by Eric is a book that takes you on his life's journey as an African American child in the USA, the struggles he went faced and how he overcame them to becoming the amazing and successful person he is today. It is an amazing read that is both informative and inspiration for anyone; be it a teenager facing the challenges of adolescent or a parenting wanting to get things right with his or her child. Beautifully developed, each page comes with a new lesson and hope. It one of those books you make a companion of through the mystery we call life.

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Good read for adolescents and those who were bullied

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