

Voices Of Determination: Children That Defy The Odds - Kevin P. Chavous

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Kevin Chavous is an expert on American education policy, having been an elected member of the DC Council in our nation's capital. He dealt with Congress and the major national organizations on a number of issues. In DC he is Mr. Education. He knows all the devices that have been used to keep schools from getting better, and he has found ways to remove many of them. But in this book he leaves the hearing rooms and think tanks and explores the heart of the issue, the students who are struggling to learn.

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Voices of Determination tells the stories of ten children who overcame extraordinarily difficult circumstances to get an education and end the cycle of generational poverty. It debunks the myth that children are victims of circumstance. In this moving work, Kevin P. Chavous argues that children can and will succeed if the educational system provides them with the opportunity to learn. There are potential challenges at every stage of a child's development and the adults around them need to be nearby and ready to act effectively. Chavous concludes that the need to strengthen families and to rebuild surrounding communities should be the top priorities for society as a whole.

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