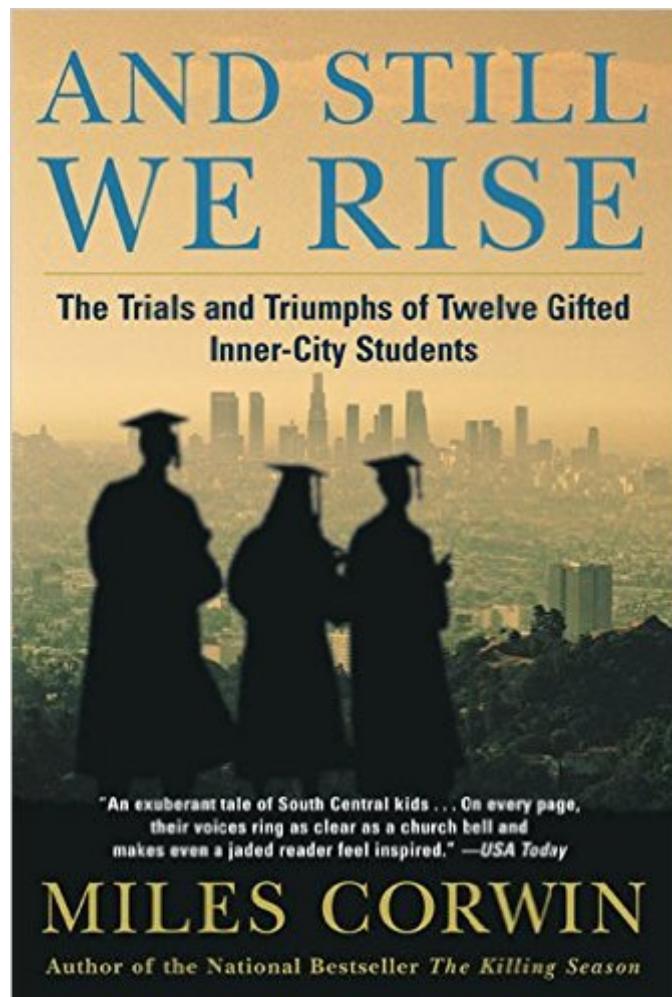


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# And Still We Rise: The Trials And Triumphs Of Twelve Gifted Inner-City Students



## Synopsis

Bestselling author of *The Killing Season* and veteran Los Angeles Times reporter Miles Corwin spent a school year with twelve high school seniors -- South-Central kids who qualified for a gifted program because of their exceptional IQs and test scores. Sitting alongside them in classrooms where bullets were known to rip through windows, Corwin chronicled their amazing odyssey as they faced the greatest challenges of their academic lives. *And Still We Rise* is an unforgettable story of transcending obstacles that would dash the hopes of any but the most exceptional spirits.

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"Victory, victory is spite of all terror; victory, however long and hard the road made be; for without victory, there is no survival." 13 May 1940 Sir Winston Spencer ChurchillMr. Churchill certainly was not thinking about Crenshaw in South Central Los Angeles when he spoke those words. He was in fact speaking near the beginning of World War II. Sadly the quote is appropriate after reading of the day-to-day life of this small war zone.Bullets are fired through the windows as teachers try to teach. Bullets and knives take the lives of friends and Family of the 12 Students this book focuses upon. Bullets penetrate the homes they live in. Many of these students come from backgrounds that would prevent virtually anyone from existing much less excelling.The teachers of these students have issues as well. How do you teach Advanced Placement English without textbooks? Read and you will find out. If it seems impossible, the conditions almost did claim one teacher.This is about one year and 12 kids, and the phenomenal amount of success they achieved. The excellence however

is repeated year after year. As I read I was trying to decide whether these kids excelled because of, or in spite of what they faced. It really came down to each individual's story. This book also touches on the issue of Affirmative Action and its demise in California during the Senior Year of these students. They did not have to deal with the fallout, but subsequent classes did, and they will as well when they reach Graduate School. Did killing Affirmative Action have an effect; the book gives the results of subsequent classes and their experiences. These kids are accepted at Yale, Stanford, Babson, Colby, UCLA, the list includes any top school you care to name.

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