

"This book should be required reading for student-athletes, coaches, teachers, and parents. It provides sage advice as well as a blueprint for young male athletes to successfully transition into mainstream life roles upon leaving the field of athletics. There are many life lessons that athletics teach our young people that are illustrated in this book. It is important that we highlight and discuss 'core values worth knowing' with our 21st-century male student athletes to ensure that these basic concepts are understood. We must prepare young men to overcome obstacles, prepare diligently, and dream big."

—Vince Dooley, former head football coach and athletic director, University of Georgia; athletic consultant

"This is an engaging conversation on overcoming the challenges that arise at various stages in the lives of our sons. *Reconnecting, Redirecting, and Redefining 21st-Century Males* helps to place a number of things into perspective regarding raising a male child successfully. While the book addresses some inadequacy in the education system, the main premise of the text is to get to the heart of what is needed to educate the black male. H. E. "Doc" Holliday conducted extensive research to provide timely insight on how to affirm our sons' identities and how to reinforce the importance of education. This is a must-read for parents seeking practical methods and insight that will minimize the isolation often encountered by African American males in the education system."

—Leyte Winfield, associate professor of organic chemistry, Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia

"Holliday's book is refreshing to read because it discusses in detail the state of boys in America, and how we must go about the task of assisting them in redefining themselves in our culture. This book examines some the life transitions that most 21st-century boys are making in isolation. This book identifies many of the academic, physical, emotional, and psychological adjustments many boys have been forced to navigate alone during their most vulnerable years. It also shares essential advice from experienced male elders that all young men should know and come to embrace while growing up in America."

—Julius "Dr J" Erving, hall of fame basketball player; world champion Philadelphia 76ers, 1983

"Holliday's book discusses why a record number of boys are opting out of the 'old school' traditional roles that were once an integral part of America's culture. We must begin to teach these young men 'how to play the game.' We must begin to inspire our young men to believe and understand that life is much richer when you have a variety of options to select from. This book highlights the relationships of boys to athletics and offers a realistic blueprint for change at a time when school reform has become a hot political topic."

—Andrew Toney, retired National Basketball Association player; world champion Philadelphia 76ers, 1983

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