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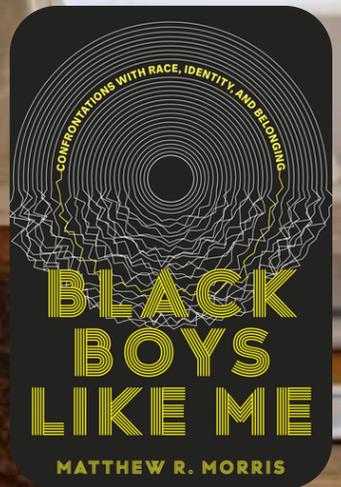
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MATTHEW R. MORRIS is an educator and writer based out of Toronto. He is the author of the instant national best seller, "Black Boys Like Me: Confrontations with Race, Identity, and Belonging" which was nominated for the Heritage Toronto Book Award, longlisted for the Toronto Book Awards, an Apple Books Best Books of 2024, and CBC Books Best Canadian Nonfiction 2024.

He earned a BA (Hons) and an MA in Social Justice Education from the University of Toronto.

In addition to teaching, his work and public speaking on the deconstruction of Black masculinity, hip-hop culture, and schooling has taken him across North America to consult on and learn about the challenges facing students and educators in the current education system.

In 2025, he received the King Charles III Coronation Medal, an achievement that honours individuals who have made a significant contribution to Canada. He has written articles for TVO, Huffington Post, ETFO Voice, and Education Canada magazine and in 2015, he delivered his TED Talk, "The Fresh Prince Syndrome". Morris has been featured in Toronto Star, Sun, the Globe and Mail and on CBC Radio and CityNews Toronto.

He currently teaches in the Faculty of Education at Ontario Tech University and believes that the more credentials behind his name only equate to the more tattoos down his forearms.

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