

A Hope in the UNSEEN

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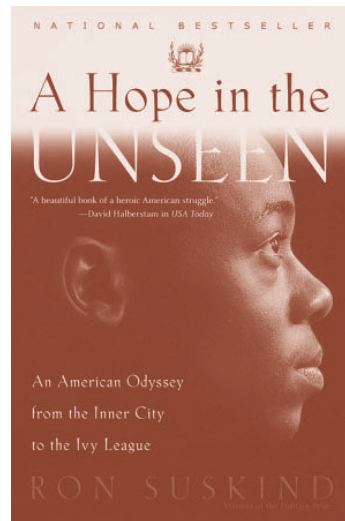
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CEDRIC JENNINGS was born in 1977 and raised in one of the most depressed and dangerous neighborhoods in Washington, D. C.'s Southeast section. Like many in his troubled neighborhood, he was the child of a long-absent, frequently jailed, drug addicted father. His mother, Barbara Jennings, a devout churchwoman, quit her government job and went on welfare to devote more time to raising him. She took him to church four times a week and warned him about the drug dealers on the corner. With unshakable faith in the ethics of his hardworking single mother and the salvation of good grades, Cedric set out on a journey that would lead him to Brown University and beyond.

After graduating from Brown, Cedric received his Master of Education in Risk and Prevention at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. In December 2003, he completed the Master of Social Work program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. His present goals involve becoming a psychotherapist, a university professor and an author. At present, he lectures at universities throughout the nation on issues in education and youth advocacy. Both President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush awarded him citations acknowledging him as a role model to America's youth.

RON SUSKIND is an author and journalist based in Washington, DC. While senior national affairs writer at the *Wall Street Journal* he wrote a Pulitzer Prize-winning series of articles on Cedrick Jennings' high school years which later became the basis for the acclaimed book *A Hope in the Unseen: An American Odyssey From the Inner City to the Ivy League* (1998). In 2002, with other Pulitzer Prize winning authors, he was a contributor to *Profiles in Courage for Our Times*. His latest book, *The Price of Loyalty, George W. Bush, the White House and the Education of Paul O'Neill* (2004) is a look at the inner workings of the Bush White House. Mr. Suskind has appeared on various news programs and is a distinguished visiting scholar at Dartmouth College. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, and lives in Washington with his wife and two sons.