



131 Box Pursuit of Patience

By Bruce Hawkins

Outskirts Press. Paperback. Condition: New. 140 pages. Dimensions: 8.3in. x 5.5in. x 0.3in. Dreams invite challenges. The challenges we find are proportionate to our places in life. As a child growing up in Brooklyn, drugs, poverty, crime, breakdown of family and community created an environment where dreams were often deferred. Generations of people who have potential to be anything sacrificed their dreams for burdens. The lotto line was the centerpiece of my community. There we were reminded, of who we wanted to be or what we wanted to accomplish. The hope of winning the jackpot money made it safe to imagine a world without limits. In the midst of neighborhood legends and unsung heroes whispering their plans to each other, I began to think of goals for myself. As children we all were encouraged to dream. But few of us had the resources to endure the struggle to keep the dream alive. 131 Box is the lotto number that I played to represent my birthday, January 31st. Metaphorically speaking, it was my ticket to navigate a path of purpose. It represents the location where my dreams took shape. It is my constant reminder of the people and talent I represent. It...

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