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Atlanta Publisher Releases Book about the Secret Medical Experiments of a Child

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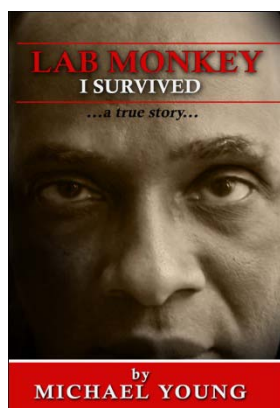
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Young, originally from Tennessee, leaves no stone unturned as he tells the story of his childhood life of going in and out of the hospital weeks and sometimes months at a time. Many of the other children never made it home. Michael is one who lived to tell it all.

Encouraged to share his story by close friends, Young sheds a little light on what made him decide to write about his experiences. "It's something that I dealt with internally and kept a secret. I was actually embarrassed about it for most of my life until I finally had the courage to get it off my chest. Once I did, close friends helped me see how sharing it could also help others."

When asked what separated him from the others who may have been so triumphant over the adversities blows that life so often deals, Michael stated, "I Didn't let the negative defeat me. I always looked for the positive. Having hope and prayer also helped. Sometimes you can be almost at the end or at your destination or goal and you just don't know it yet. Staying positive and focused will help you get there. That's what did it for me...and I know it can do it for others too."

Lab Monkey: I Survived is available worldwide, wherever books are sold.



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What's been said about *Lab Monkey: I Survived*?

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Target Audience

- Young Adults Ages 14-25
- Parents & Loved Ones of Medically Fragile Children
- Youth Leaders and Advocates
- Supports of Children with Disabilities

Selling Points

- Attractive, Eye-Catching Cover
- True Accounts of Medical Experiments
- Written for the Every Day Person
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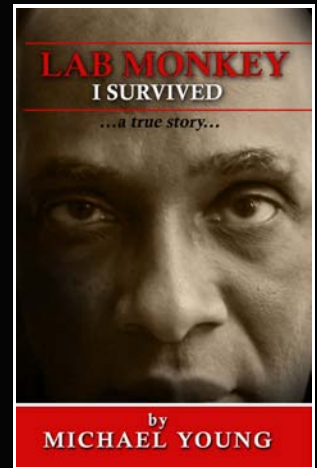
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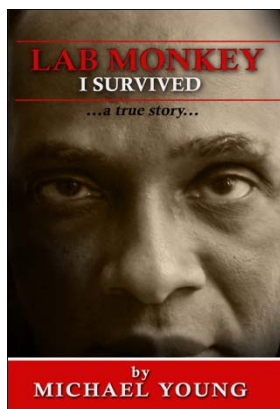




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To Mom...

I miss you very much...



Chapter 1: The Beginning



It was a warm summer night in 1954. I remember my mother saying grandma called home to tell one of her brothers to meet her halfway in the park on her way home from work. He never made it to the park, or either he was too slow. My mom never could remember what delayed him, but he had wished a many days that he would have left as soon as she called. Maybe she would still be alive today...or maybe not.

She was stabbed three times by her ex-boyfriend. My mom said she always knew he would kill her one day, but she thought it would be from the multiple beatings he gave her every weekend. It seems as if every time he got drunk, he'd find another reason to beat her over and over again. She and her brothers swore one day they would kill him.

My grandmother left behind four sons and one daughter, Lena, my mother. They were split up. My mom was sent one place and my uncles were sent to four different places. Back then, you went wherever someone would feed you. It didn't matter if they were kin or not. Sadly, they never saw each other again, which started what I call a generational curse.

I was born in April of 1959. My mother had just turned 18. I was the fifth of five children. My mother had a child just

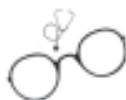


about every year. I was considered special because I was the only surviving son. My mother had her first son, my older brother, when she was fourteen. He died when he was 2 months old – from pneumonia they said. After that, she only had her three daughters and me to take care of, and I required a lot of care. I was born **blind with a severe case** of cataracts. My mother said I stayed in the hospital for months **before** the doctors would let me come home. As I got older, the cataracts got worse.

I could remember as early as age three, people asking my mom “who is his dad?” My mother either didn’t know or she just didn’t want to tell because she would always change the subject by saying “God is his daddy, now let it be.”

I was born with light brown eyes and blue circles around my pupils. They were crossed very bad and my skin was a pale olive color. In those days, the insurance men were white and they would come to your house and pick up your payment. If you didn’t have the money, he would get his payment another way. I don’t have to spell it out. You know what I mean.

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