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#### **About the Author**

Dominic J White is a husband, father, and writer. To fund all of those three pursuits he works with teenagers who have been caught breaking the law. As a former looked-after-child he has a good general appreciation of issues which affect children, teenagers and adults who have experienced a Local Authority as their guardian. Dominic was born in Derby, UK, and moved to Jamaica when he was nine years old where he lived for six months. After learning patois he went on to spend his teenage years in Brixton, South-West London, where he enjoyed roller-skating and visits to the West End when he should have been at school. He enjoys writing reports for the Court, writing memoirs, and planning his next book. Most of all, he enjoys spending time with his family where he is outnumbered three to one in regards to gender. Favourite pastimes for Dominic and his family are holidays in Cornwall, camping, walking, and reading. He is a man of faith, and refuses to believe that the moon is the perfect size due to mere chance. He lives and writes in Southampton, Hampshire, where he would one day like to own a leather-bound armchair, beside his much dreamed-of writer's desk, in which he can comfortably seat children, teenagers and adults alike. Dominic J White has a paternal Greek-Cypriot heritage, and he suspects that his biological father has brown eyes and an olive complexion, much like himself and his two daughters.

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