



Book #2: “Art of Authenticity”

Book Summary

Are the Real Street Kidz being *real* to themselves as their name suggests? Join Q, Chase, Los, and Lucky, a diverse group of preteens, for another exciting adventure as they seemingly take on more than they can handle under Q’s leadership. With each boy taking turns telling the story, they are still *Chasing Action*, as they set out to start their own fashion line. When they meet a simple, clueless about business local t-shirt designer named Art, they feel obligated to help out. Art is about to be put out of business by a ruthless, shady, snake of a designer named Shyne O.C. who will stop at nothing to get what he wants, even if it means soliciting the help of kids to “get the job done”. In an attempt to help Art save his business, they enter him into the Long Beach Fashion Expo, an event that showcases designers from all over the state! The boys realize they need their own help and enlist the help of Jazz, Mr. King’s daughter, and her crew, Ginger and Kawena. Can the kids put aside their differences to save the day? Is this expo too much for this diverse, dynamic group of youngsters to handle? Will they try to “outshine Shyne” to win the expo or stick to their own authenticity and learn that true victory comes only by being themselves and working together? Come join the adventure and find out!

This easy to read, relatable story will capture and keep your interest on every page as you learn about the different characters’ lives through this rich story. The Real Street Kidz series will definitely provide preteens with valuable life lessons – friendship, teamwork, and overcoming adversity --, in an entertaining way, as they travel along with the kids on their many adventures. Each character’s uniqueness offers educators -- teachers, after school programs, parents, and grandparents -- many opportunities to discuss individual differences and how these differences should be celebrated. This multi-cultural book series teaches that with a *stick-to-it* and *work together* attitude, great things can be accomplished, no matter who you are!

Praise for Art of Authenticity!

“With society constantly publicizing individual differences in a negative light, Art of Authenticity, along with the other books in the Real Street Kidz series, highlights multiculturalism and working together. This series is definitely something teachers should use in their classrooms across the globe.”

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