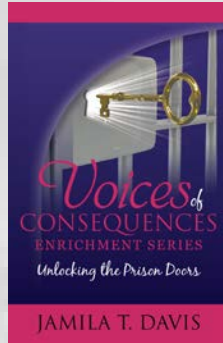
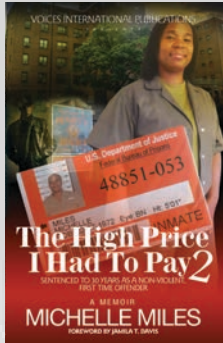
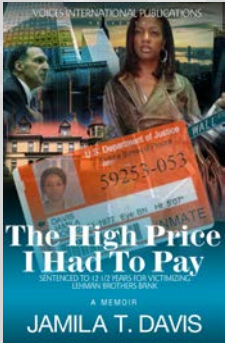


# Defying The Odds



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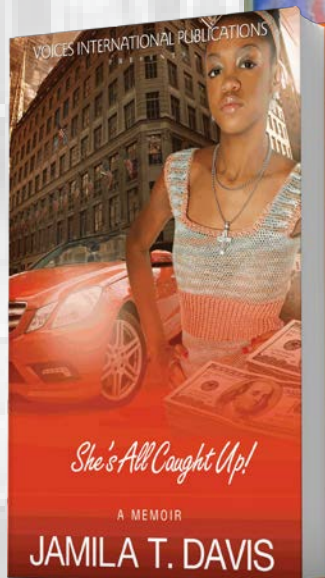
From Behind Bars She's Making A Difference!

## INMATE AUTHOR/ACTIVIST



She's using her real-life experiences, street credibility and writing skills to transform lives and deter others from crime. Meet author Jamila T. Davis.

BY JULIAN CARTER



From behind bars at the Federal Prison Camp For Women, in Danbury, Connecticut, inmate author/activist Jamila T. Davis is utilizing her real-life experiences and heroic candidness to write a series of books which are helping to transform the lives of incarcerated women and has sparked a prison reform movement. Continuing this brazen streak, Davis has penned her first mainstream memoir, *She's All Caught Up!*

Now known as federal prisoner #59253-053, this 36 year old former lead go-to-person in the Hip Hop Music Industry and multimillion dollar real estate investor, who was sentenced to 12 1/2 years for bank fraud, has refused to spend her time in prison in vain. Utilizing the experiences she encountered within her six years of incarceration, which included an intense journey of self-discovery and inner healing, Davis created two unique book series geared to empower incarcerated women.

Her first book series, *The Voices of Consequences Enrichment Series* (VOC Series), is helping incarcerated women across the country heal, recognize their potential and recapture their dreams. This non-denominational, faith-based book series, accompanied by workbook/journals and curriculum guides, has become the most dynamic re-entry course for incarcerated women. Davis employs vivid examples that female offenders can easily relate to, along with self-help techniques, in an easy-to-read learning style empowering her readers to dethrone negative thinking habits, heal old wounds and develop positive character traits. This series is the first of its kind written for women behind bars.

Following the effective results of the VOC Series, Davis created *The High Price I Had To Pay* book series, to create awareness about the epidemic of mass incarceration and over-sentencing of women. This



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heart wrenching, true crime series has given incarcerated women a platform to tell their stories. Each volume takes readers behind the scenes into the lives of women serving decade plus sentences behind bars. The shocking details about the injustices they face have sparked the creation of a new advocacy group, WomenOverIncarcerated.org, and a prison reform movement to create change.

Davis is now endeavoring to pierce the hearts of rebellious teens and cause them to think twice before making poor choices, through her new memoir *She's All Caught Up*. Inspired by her success in reaching at-risk youth through a prison public speaking group "CHOICES," this book was written to enlighten teens to the severe consequences of adverse choices.

"Listening to the response of at-risk youth who vowed to deter from crime after hearing my story inspired me to pen *She's All Caught Up* because I realized my story could make a difference," stated Davis. "If someone whom I believed would have warned me about the severe

consequences I faced for living life in the fast lane, I wouldn't be sitting behind bars today. Now looking back, I wish I would have listened to my parents, stayed in school and strayed away from shortcuts."

In her captivating new memoir, Young Jamila, raised in a nurturing two parent, middle class home in Jamaica-Queens, New York, illustrates the early, negative influences that warped Davis's thinking and caused her life to spiral out of control.

Throughout elementary and middle school Jamila maintains straight A's, graces the stage at Lincoln Center in dance recitals and tours the country in an off-Broadway play. All is copacetic in the Davis household until high school years when Young Jamila meets her first love- a well known drug dealer from the Southside housing projects in Jamaica, Queens. Poisoned by the thorn of materialism, Jamila's values quickly change. She lusts after independence, power and notoriety, and she chooses life in the fast lane to claim them. When this good girl goes bad, it seems there is no turning back!

Jamila's tragic fate is sure to get the attention of her readers, including teens who think they "know it all!" This riveting memoir is destined to become a classic, making waves in the literary world, and utilized as a sought after educational tool for teachers, psychologists and criminologists who desire to understand the thinking patterns and pitfalls of teens who ultimately land in prison. It is a must have companion for both teens and adults! *She's All Caught Up* is now available through Voices International Publications at [www.voicesbooks.com](http://www.voicesbooks.com); also available online via BN.com and Amazon.com.

This audacious inmate author/activist is determined to pay her way forward and transform lives of women through her literary work. From behind bars she's making a difference! ■