

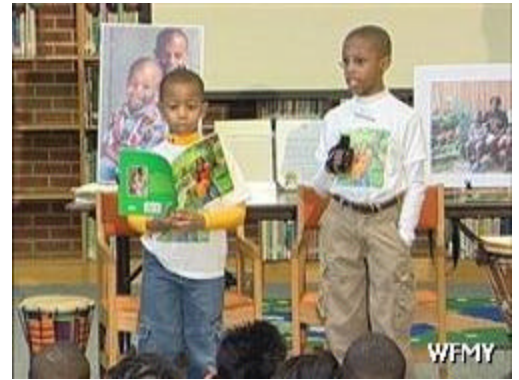
YOUNG AUTHORS' BIOGRAPHY 2009 - 2010

MILES RABUN AND WILLIAM RABUN

Young Authors of **My Grandma's Backyard** ♦ Educators

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Miles and William Rabun, the phenomenal young authors (ages 10 and 8) of "**My Grandma's Backyard**" are Pleasant Union Elementary 5th and 3rd grade students who reside in Wake Forest, North Carolina with their parents, Dereck and Yolanda Rabun. At the ages of 7 and 5, after visiting their grandmother, Kappitola Williams, in Atlanta, Georgia, during a summer break, Miles and William returned home with a challenge from their grandmother to write a book. So, they did.



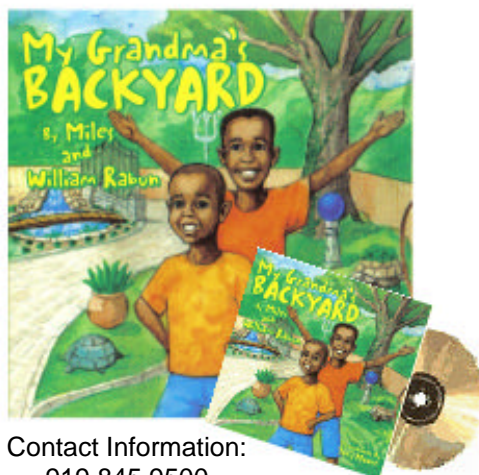
Since completing and publishing their original transcript, **My Grandma's Backyard**, a fun-filled tale that reflects two brothers' adventures with their grandmother, Miles and William have been Visiting Authors in schools, libraries, churches and museums throughout the cities of Atlanta, Raleigh, Durham, and Greensboro, as well as Read Across America special guest readers. The City mayors of Raleigh, NC, and East Point and Atlanta, Georgia have also honored Miles and William with Young Authors' Day. Notably, in 2007, the story and music of **My Grandma's Backyard** was shared with over 2000 children and adults in the British West Indies when Miles and William completed a five (5) school Book Tour in Gros Islet, St. Lucia. Miles and William have also been featured on several news programs including Good Morning Atlanta and WRAL TV's Living the Legacy Series. In 2008 and 2009, Miles appeared on the Michael Baisden Show.

My Grandma's Backyard has been featured in a number of publications including Carolina Parent, The News & Observer, The Independent, Total Connection, and Durham's Partnership for Children Newsletter; **My Grandma's Backyard** was also featured on the NoirBaby.com book of the month list. Miles and William were proud teammates on the City of Raleigh's Brier Creek Chargers 2008 Football team, are active Cub Scouts with Pack 399, and recently appeared as Young Storytellers in Broadway Arts Conservatory's production of Children of Eden.

By popular demand, at the end of 2008, Miles and William released their first professional recording, entitled **My Grandma's Backyard Fun Song** inspired by their book, **My Grandma's Backyard**. The book also includes a fun activity section for kids to explore and talk about their own backyard adventures along with vocabulary words, reading comprehension exercises, and games with an answer key. For Author Visits: **Miles and William Rabun will share their unique and highly rewarding book-writing experience through thought provoking discussion, music and dance.**



William Rabun, 8 yrs old



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Miles Rabun, 10 yrs old