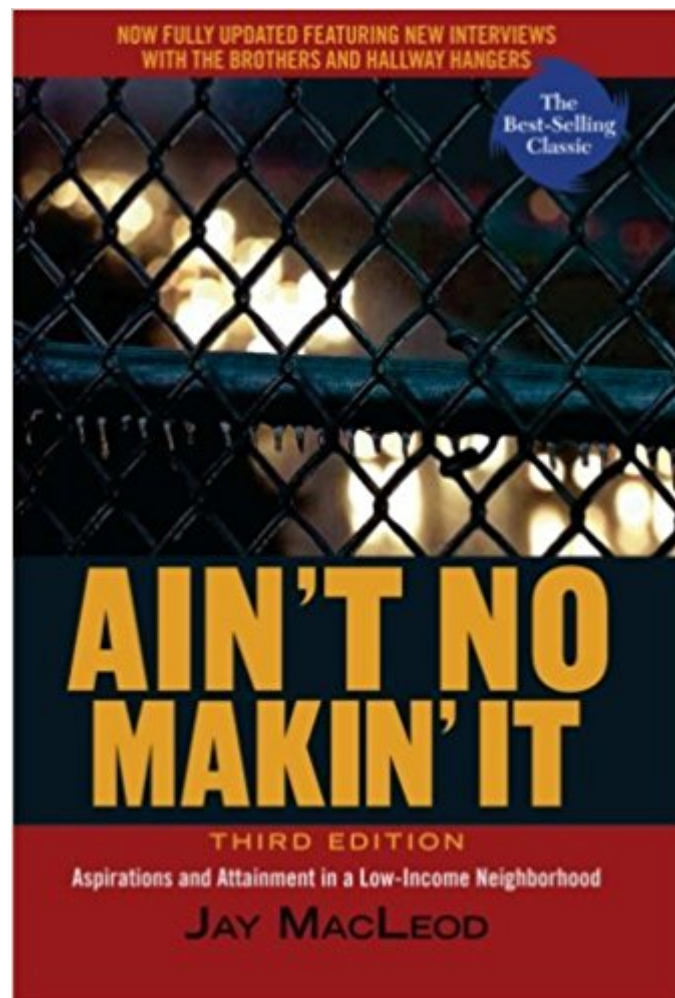




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# Ain't No Makin' It: Aspirations And Attainment In A Low-Income Neighborhood, 3rd Edition



## Synopsis

~ ~ This classic text addresses one of the most important issues in modern social theory and policy: how social inequality is reproduced from one generation to the next. With the original 1987 publication of *Ain't No Makin' It* Jay MacLeod brought us to the Clarendon Heights housing project where we met the "Brothers" and the "Hallway Hangers." Their story of poverty, race, and defeatism moved readers and challenged ethnic stereotypes. MacLeod's return eight years later, and the resulting 1995 revision, revealed little improvement in the lives of these men as they struggled in the labor market and crime-ridden underground economy. ~ ~ The third edition of this classic ethnography of social reproduction brings the story of inequality and social mobility into today's dialogue. Now fully updated with thirteen new interviews from the original Hallway Hangers and Brothers, as well as new theoretical analysis and comparison to the original conclusions, *Ain't No Makin' It* remains an admired and invaluable text. ~ ~ Contents ~ ~ Part One: The Hallway Hangers and the Brothers as Teenagers 1. Social Immobility in the Land of Opportunity 2. Social Reproduction in Theoretical Perspective 3. Teenagers in Clarendon Heights: The Hallway Hangers and the Brothers 4. The Influence of the Family 5. The World of Work: Aspirations of the Hangers and Brothers 6. School: Preparing for the Competition 7. Leveled Aspirations: Social Reproduction Takes Its Toll 8. Reproduction Theory Reconsidered Part Two: Eight Years Later: Low Income, Low Outcome 9. The Hallway Hangers: Dealing in Despair 10. The Brothers: Dreams Deferred 11. Conclusion: Outclassed and Outcast(e) Part Three: *Ain't No Makin' It?* 12. The Hallway Hangers: Fighting for a Foothold at Forty 13. The Brothers: Barely Making It 14. Making Sense of the Stories, by Katherine McClelland and David Karen

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Jay MacLeod is a parish priest in England. Combining Christian ministry with community work, MacLeod still plays streetball, or tries to. His working-class parish is one of the most ethnically diverse square miles in Britain, and MacLeod works closely with members of the local mosques to engage disaffected teenagers and to foster friendships across the lines of race and religion. He and his wife, Sally Asher, have three children—Asher, Kate, and Toby.

MacLeod is where I first heard of reproductive theory-- social and cultural capital make up the foundation of my research now. He is a clear and descriptive writer, breaking down theory into very consumable pieces (which is amazing with Bourdieu!) and tells the story of the Brothers and the Hallway Hangers in such a way that you come to see not only the structural challenges these young men are dealing with, but the individual obstacles they must overcome as well. I highly suggest this book for anyone going into sociology, education, or, really, any field.

Awesome

Quite an excellent ethnography done by Jay MacLeod. Very thorough although repetitive at times. (That's just my opinion. Others may certainly disagree.) I liked the fact that this edition covers the experiences of the men for two decades.

This was required reading in my Sociological class. This is an easy read and has a good understanding of poverty in our United States.

If I remember correctly, there was a chapter on Marxism that was great.

Satisfied received as expected. But shipping a bit slow. Minus one star

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