

FACT SHEET

Book Title: Protecting a Dream

Book Subtitle: The Life and Legacy of Chief Bill Logan and His Historic Moments with Dr. King

Author: Dr. Gilo Kwesi Logan, Ed.D., Author, Educator, Community Leader

Genre: Children's Nonfiction / Historical Biography / themes of Social Justice, Character Development, and Social-Emotional Learning

Recommended Age Range: Ages 8–14 (Grades 4–8)
Designed to be shared across generations

Setting: Evanston, Illinois, with historical connections to the broader Civil Rights Movement

About the Book

Protecting a Dream is a true, intergenerational story inspired by the life and legacy of **Chief William “Bill” Logan Jr.**, Evanston’s first Black Police Chief, a community builder, and one of the men who helped safeguard **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** during a pivotal moment in local history.

Told with warmth and clarity by his son, Dr. Gilo Kwesi Logan, the book introduces young readers to history through character, values, and lived experience - showing that leadership is rooted in decency, responsibility, and care for others.

Key Themes

- Legacy and intergenerational learning
- Leadership and service
- Courage, fairness, and integrity
- Family & Heritage
- Identity, belonging, and resilience
- Community responsibility

- Justice rooted in love
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Educational & SEL Focus

Designed with classrooms, families, and youth programming in mind, *Protecting a Dream* supports:

- Social-emotional learning (SEL)
 - Character development
 - Critical thinking and reflection
 - Intergenerational dialogue
 - Culturally responsive teaching
 - Identity development
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Book Features

- 40+ Rich, engaging illustrations
 - 25+ Kid-friendly prompts to spark self-reflection
 - 45 Discussion questions for teachers, parents, caregivers, and group settings
 - 10+ Informational boxes highlighting key historical context
 - 10+ Informational boxes highlighting important cultural context
 - Callouts connecting Chief Logan's values to children's everyday lives
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Key Messages

- “Dreams don’t survive on hope alone—they survive when people protect them.”
- Leadership is about character, not power.
- History becomes meaningful when children can see themselves inside it.
- Protecting a dream is just as important as having one.
- Legacy is not only what we inherit, but what we choose to live and pass on.

Ideal Uses

- Classroom instruction (ELA, Social Studies, SEL)
- Black History Month programming
- School and district-wide reading initiatives
- Family reading and discussion
- Youth programs and mentoring groups
- Community events and intergenerational circles

About the Author

Dr. Gilo Kwesi Logan is an author, educator, and consultant whose work centers on identity, leadership, storytelling, and community healing. He holds a Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) and brings decades of experience working with schools, districts, nonprofit organizations, and public institutions. He is the son of Chief Bill Logan Jr. and the founder of the *Protecting a Dream* initiative.

Availability

Protecting a Dream is available now and is accompanied by readings, community events, workshops, and educational programming.

Website: www.ProtectingADream.com