

Protecting a Dream

The Life and Legacy of Chief Bill Logan

and His Historic Moments with Dr. King

BOOK DESCRIPTION

A moving true story about legacy, leadership, and the power of protecting what matters most - written for young readers, families, and classrooms.

Protecting a Dream shares the inspiring life of Chief William “Bill” Logan Jr. - a community hero, barrier-breaker, and the man who helped safeguard Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during a pivotal moment in Evanston’s history. Told with warmth and clarity, his son, Dr. Gilo Kwesi Logan, the story invites readers into a world where courage, fairness, and love guide everyday choices.

At a time when many children are navigating questions of identity, belonging, hope, and resilience, Protecting a Dream offers healing through truth-telling and purpose. The book supports social-emotional learning and leadership development while opening meaningful conversations about character, responsibility, and healthy masculinity - helping young people understand who they are, what they value, and who they can become.

Through rich illustrations, engaging storytelling, and accessible history, readers follow Chief Logan’s journey from humble beginnings to standing beside Dr. King, becoming Evanston’s first Black Police Chief, and helping build community organizations that continue to serve families today. His story shows that trust is earned not through power, but through character, empathy, and unwavering integrity.

More than a biography, Protecting a Dream is both a tribute and a call to action. It reminds us that protecting a dream is just as important as having one - and invites young people to become Dream Protectors: courageous, resilient, and guided by justice, faith, and love.

Designed with classrooms, families, and youth programming in mind, the book includes:

- **Kid-friendly questions** that spark reflection
- **Discussion prompts** for teachers, parents, caregivers, and group settings
- **Informational boxes** that highlight key historical context
- **Callouts** that connect Chief Logan’s values to children’s everyday lives

Perfect for Black History Month, youth programs, family gatherings, and community events, Protecting a Dream inspires young readers to see themselves as leaders and changemakers - ready to protect their dreams and the dreams of others.

Ideal for ages 8-14 (grades 4-8).

A beautiful tribute. A powerful legacy. A story every generation can learn from.