

# TORREY MALDONADO

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## SECRET SATURDAYS QUIZ

### IF YOU SCORE...

**8 – 10 correct:** Ding! Ding! Ding! You are on top of the PYRAMID OF PERFORMANCE! Your memory is above average when it comes to *Secret Saturdays*.

**5 – 7 correct:** Nice shot! You are SO CLOSE to the top of the Pyramid of Performance. You remembered a good amount of information about *Secret Saturdays*.

**3 – 5 correct:** Slow down speed-reader. A book is a trip. If you rush from start to finish, you might miss some of the ride. Try reading *Secret Saturdays* again, yet slower. Maybe read it with this quiz in hand and answer each question as you travel through the book.

**0 – 3 correct:** Air ball! Don't worry. Basketball players take more than one foul-line shot to score. Baseball players get two strikes before HOMERUN. Give *Secret Saturdays* another try.

### NOW TAKE THE QUIZ.

**1. What does Justin and Sean compare dissing to?**

- a. Skateboarding
- b. Playing videogames
- c. Boxing
- d. Wrestling

**2. Girls in school feel Vanessa looks like who?**

- a. Lady Gaga
- b. Beyonce
- c. Rihanna
- d. Alicia Keys

**3. What is one thing Sean and Justin have in common?**

- a. They have matching iPhones
- b. They are popular athletes
- c. They burn music and sell CDs to their friends
- d. They have matching notebooks to write rhymes in

**4. Which deadly dare does Sean get Justin to do?**

- a. Race through Old Man Jack's backyard of human-eating pitbulls
- b. Dive off a pier in the back of Red Hook and swim
- c. Climb the Grey House
- d. Jump from one six-story building to another six-story building

**5. Why does Ms. Feeney get so angry in the first Advisory class?**

- a. Manny and Sean almost got into a fistfight
- b. Sean and Manny kept making fart sounds
- c. Justin pulled a chair from under a girl and she fell
- d. Vanessa shocked Ms. Feeney with a toy electric pen

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### QUIZ CONTINUED...

**6. Kyle lets Sean borrow which magazines?**

- a. Kyle's cousin's magazines
- b. Kyle's father's magazines
- c. Kyle's brother's magazines
- d. Kyle's uncle's magazines

**7. The school rumor is the school's director, Principal Negron, used to be:**

- a. A Hollywood actor
- b. a circus animal trainer
- c. an MTV deejay
- d. a police captain

**8. Which two holidays does Justin say have the opposite effect on his neighborhood?**

- a. Thanksgiving and Easter
- b. New Year's and Christmas
- c. New Year's and Thanksgiving
- d. Easter and New Year's

**9. Who does Justin describe as a supersized Sean?**

- a. Will Smith in Hancock
- b. A famous athlete and basketball player who visits their school
- c. A famous athlete and football player he sees on TV
- d. Jay Z

**10. Which female does Sean completely trust?**

- a. Vanessa
- b. Ms. Feeney
- c. Sean's mother
- d. Ms. Dotson, one of the school secretaries

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### ANSWER GUIDE:

1. C
2. D
3. D
4. C
5. A
6. B
7. D
8. B
9. C
10. A

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Torrey Maldonado is a teacher and author who was born and raised in the Red Hook projects of Brooklyn, New York. He overcame his neighborhood's poverty and violence and went on to earn a BA in Sociology from Vassar College and a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Baruch College. For nearly ten years, he has taught in a Brooklyn public school. Prior to that, he trained teachers and administrators to run conflict resolution programs in schools throughout New York's five boroughs. *Secret Saturdays* is a work of fiction inspired by the author's experiences with youth, city schools, fatherlessness, and poverty.