

Dream Chaser

In *Next Stop Harlem*; the sassy and determined Penelope Nichols dreams of moving to New York City and becoming a Jazz singer. Penny as she is called for short, does not know how this will happen, but she is certain that it will. It's interesting how life has a tendency of working out this way.

When Penny flees the south to fulfill her dream, she is determined to make her way onto one of Harlem's Jazz Clubs. Penny is young and has never left her small town, but she is certain that she will make it to Harlem. This determination and belief in her dream propels her through every obstacle she encounters.

When I started writing seriously four years ago I wasn't sure where writing would take me. I knew that I wanted to create intense, page turning literature. I wasn't sure what accomplishing this would take, but like Penny I decided to embrace my dream, ignore the how, and keep my eyes focused on the prize.

The urban dictionary defines a **Dream Chaser** as someone who always goes after things hopelessly out of their reach. As I think back on it now; I really appreciate having the courage to take those initial baby steps. Taking them gave me the conviction to set and accomplish even bigger goals.

Dream Chasing tends to work that way and it really is a magical way to live. It's not for the faint hearted and it can be scary as hell, but the rewards are.....well....priceless.

