

Makes Me Wanna Holler

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This text is an extract from an autobiography by Nathan McCall, a black man who had to endure job discrimination. It deals with his problems finding a job because of his past.

Indeed, as an ex-convict he was always turned down before getting his job interview. People have preconceived ideas about prisoners and don't want to take the chance and hire a potential unreliable worker. When he arrived in Louisville, he was full of hopes because he thought that was the one job he would get, working for a newspaper. But the personnel director when learning that he had been convicted for armed robbery turned him down once more; he lost his hopes again and resigned himself into not telling his interviewers the truth before being hired... at least to get an opportunity because he knew prejudices can't be fought off easily.

If I were him, I would have tried maybe to file a lawsuit against these discriminating companies. But what he did, i. e. telling his past in this book, must be some kind of catharsis for him; he needed to share his story with people to make his pain go away.