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Rebound - Kwame Alexander 2018-04-02

From the New York Times best-selling author Kwame Alexander comes Rebound, the dynamic prequel to his Newbery Award-winning novel in verse, The Crossover. Before Josh and Jordan Bell were streaking up and down the court, their father was learning his own moves. Chuck Bell takes center stage as readers get a glimpse of his childhood and how he became the jazz music worshipping, basketball star his sons look up to. A novel in verse with all the impact and rhythm readers have come to expect from Kwame Alexander, Rebound goes back in time to visit the childhood of Chuck "Da Man" Bell during one pivotal summer when young Charlie is sent to stay with his grandparents where he discovers basketball and learns more about his family's past.

An American Story - Kwame Alexander 2023-01-03

#1 New York Times Bestselling and award-winning author of The Undefeated, Kwame Alexander, pens a powerful picture book that tells the story of American slavery through the voice of a teacher struggling to help her students understand its harrowing history. From the fireside tales in an African village, through the unspeakable passage across the Atlantic, to the backbreaking work in the fields of the South, this is a story of a people's struggle and strength, horror and hope. This is the story of American slavery, a story that needs to be told and understood by all of us. A testament to the resilience of the African American community, this book honors what has been and envisions what is to be. With stunning mixed-media illustrations by newcomer Dare Coulter, this is a potent book for those who want to speak the truth. Perfect for family sharing, the classroom, and homeschooling.

The Crossover Series Boxed Set - Kwame Alexander 2021-09-28

For the first time, the Crossover series, three explosive novels in verse about sports and family, is available in one paperback boxed set. From Newbery Medal winner Kwame Alexander. The Crossover series is now available as a paperback boxed set! Follow Chuck Bell during a pivotal childhood summer when he discovers basketball and learns about his family's past; fly down the court with twins Josh and Jordan Bell as they discover the crossovers between basketball, love, and life; race across the field with Nick Hall as he learns the power of words, wrestles with problems at home, and navigates coming-of-age with all the action and emotion of a World Cup. Celebrate this masterful, rhythmic, and heartfelt contribution to children's literature and rediscover Kwame's electric poetry with this paperback boxed set which includes Rebound, The Crossover, and Booked.

How to Read a Book - Kwame Alexander 2019-06-18

A stunning new picture book from Newbery Medalist Kwame Alexander and Caldecott Honoree Melissa Sweet! This New York Times bestselling duo has teamed up for the first time to bring you How to Read a Book, a poetic and beautiful journey about the experience of reading. Find a tree—a black tupelo or dawn redwood will do—and plant yourself. (It's okay if you prefer a stoop, like Langston Hughes.) With these words, an adventure begins. Kwame Alexander's evocative poetry and Melissa Sweet's lush artwork come together to take readers on a sensory journey between the pages of a book.

Swing - Kwame Alexander 2018-10-02

In this YA novel in verse from bestselling authors Kwame Alexander and Mary Rand Hess (Solo), which Kirkus called "lively, moving, and heartfelt" in a starred review, Noah and Walt just want to leave their geek days behind and find "cool," but in the process discover a lot about first loves, friendship, and embracing life . . . as well as why Black Lives Matter is so important for all. Best friends Noah and Walt are far from popular, but Walt is convinced junior year is their year, and he has a plan that includes wooing the girls of their dreams and becoming amazing athletes. Never mind he and Noah failed to make their baseball team yet again, and Noah's crush since third grade, Sam, has him firmly in the friend zone. While Walt focuses on his program of jazz, podcasts, batting cages, and a "Hug Life" mentality, Noah feels stuck in status quo ... until he stumbles on a stash of old love letters. Each one contains words Noah's always wanted to say to Sam, and he begins secretly creating artwork using the lines that speak his heart. But when his art becomes public, Noah has a decision to make: continue his life in the dugout and possibly lose the girl forever, or take a swing and finally speak out. At the same time, American flags are being left around town. While some think it's a harmless prank and others see it as a form of protest, Noah can't shake the feeling something bigger is happening to his community. Especially after he witnesses events that hint divides and prejudices run deeper than he realized. As the personal and social tensions increase around them, Noah and Walt must decide what is really important when it comes to love, friendship, sacrifice, and fate. *Swing*: is written by New York Times bestselling author and Newbery Medal and Coretta Scott King Award-winner Kwame Alexander. Features a diverse array of characters and perspectives tackles the biggest social issues of today, including racial prejudice and Black Lives Matter is perfect reading for the classroom or community-wide discussions is a 2020 YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers contains original artwork tied to the story If you enjoy *Swing*, check out *Solo* by Kwame Alexander and Mary Rand Hess.

Crush - Kwame Alexander 2007

Presents a collection of the author's love poems, as well as five poems by other authors, including Nikki Giovanni, Sherman Alexie, and Pablo Neruda.

Kwame Alexander's Page-to-stage Writing Workshop - Kwame Alexander 2016

This dynamic toolkit gets results at every grade level: Teachers learn to tap students' creativity and jump-start unparalleled excitement for reading and writing. The kit includes dozens of lesson ideas and KwameTime videos to coach teachers and students through the writing process--plus a digital resource bank of tips, checklists, and templates to support writing, revising, presenting, and publishing.

Love & Profanity - Steve Brezenoff 2015

Subtitle on cover: True, tortured, wild, hilarious, and intense tales of teenage life.

The Playbook - Kwame Alexander 2017-02-14

In this inspirational two-color book full of poetry and inspiring lessons about the rules of life, Newbery Medal-winning Kwame Alexander shares his own poetic and uplifting words plus quotes from all-star athletes like Stephen Curry and Venus Williams and other wonderfully influential figures like Sonia Sotomayor and Michelle Obama. What can we imagine for our lives? What if we

were the star players, moving and grooving through the game of life? What if we had our own rules of the game to help us get what we want, what we aspire to, what will enrich our lives? Illustrated with photographs by Thai Neave, *The Playbook* is intended to provide inspiration on the court of life. Each rule contains wisdom from inspiring athletes and role models such as Nelson Mandela, Serena Williams, LeBron James, Carli Lloyd, Steph Curry, and Michelle Obama. Kwame Alexander also shares his own stories of overcoming obstacles and winning games in this motivational and inspirational book for readers of any age and for anyone needing a little bit of encouragement. You gotta know the rules to play the game. Ball is life. Take it to the hoop. Soar. **Gabriel** - Edward Hirsch 2014-09-02

Longlisted for the 2014 National Book Award Never has there been a book of poems quite like *Gabriel*, in which a short life, a bewildering death, and the unanswerable sorrow of a father come together in such a sustained elegy. This unabashed sequence speaks directly from Hirsch's heart to our own, without sentimentality. From its opening lines—"The funeral director opened the coffin / And there he was alone / From the waist up"—Hirsch's account is poignantly direct and open to the strange vicissitudes and tricks of grief. In propulsive three-line stanzas, he tells the story of how a once unstoppable child, who suffered from various developmental disorders, turned into an irreverent young adult, funny, rebellious, impulsive. Hirsch mixes his tale of *Gabriel* with the stories of other poets through the centuries who have also lost children, and expresses his feelings through theirs. His landmark poem enters the broad stream of human grief and raises in us the strange hope, even consolation, that we find in the writer's act of witnessing and transformation. It will be read and reread.

Acoustic Rooster and His Barnyard Band - Kwame Alexander 2011-09-01

When a jazz-loving rooster sets his sights on winning a barnyard talent show, he realizes he can't do it as a solo act. He's up against the talents of Mules Davis's cool duo and Ella Finchgerald's singing group. *Acoustic Rooster* calls on friends like pianist Duck Ellington, singer Bee Holiday, and percussionist piggy Pepe Ernesto Cruz. Together, the foursome makes beautiful music as they rock the barnyard. And while they may not win first prize, *Acoustic Rooster* realizes he has the world's best jazz band and that's all that matters. Colorful artwork from artist Tim Bowers (*Memoirs of a Goldfish*) ensures this story doesn't miss a beat. A glossary of musical terms and instruments rounds out this perfect introduction to jazz for young readers. Kwame Alexander is a poet, publisher, and an award-winning producer of literary programs. He has written for television, the stage, and authored 13 books. He conducts writing/publishing workshops at schools and conferences throughout the country. Kwame lives in the Washington, D.C. area. Tim Bowers has illustrated more than 25 children's books, garnering such awards as the Chicago Public Library's "Best of the Best" list. His work for *Sleeping Bear* includes *First Dog* and *First Dog's White House Christmas*. Tim lives in Granville, Ohio.

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Booked - Kwame Alexander 2016-05-05

Like lightning/you strike/fast and free/legs zoom/down field/eyes fixed/on the checkered ball/on the goal/ten yards to go/can't nobody stop you/can't nobody cop you... Twelve-year-old Nick is a football-mad boy who absolutely hates books. In this follow-up to the Newbery-winning novel *The Crossover*, football, family, love, and friendship take centre stage as Nick tries to figure out how to navigate his parents' break-up, stand up to bullies, and impress the girl of his dreams. These challenges – which seem even harder than scoring a tie-breaking, game-winning goal – change his life, as well as his best friend's. This energetic novel-in-verse by the poet Kwame Alexander captures all the thrills and setbacks, the action and emotion of a World Cup match.

Solo Educator's Guide - Kwame Alexander 2020-05-26

Solo by Kwame Alexander and Mary Rand Hess is a New York Times bestseller! Kirkus Reviews said *Solo* is, "A contemporary hero's journey, brilliantly told." Through the story of a young Black man searching for answers about his life, *Solo* empowers, engages, and encourages teenagers to

move from heartache to healing, burden to blessings, depression to deliverance, and trials to triumphs. Blade never asked for a life of the rich and famous. In fact, he'd give anything not to be the son of Rutherford Morrison, a washed-up rock star and drug addict with delusions of a comeback. Or to no longer be part of a family known most for lost potential, failure, and tragedy, including the loss of his mother. The one true light is his girlfriend, Chapel, but her parents have forbidden their relationship, assuming Blade will become just like his father. In reality, the only thing Blade and Rutherford have in common is the music that lives inside them. And songwriting is all Blade has left after Rutherford, while drunk, crashes his high school graduation speech and effectively rips Chapel away forever. But when a long-held family secret comes to light, the music disappears. In its place is a letter, one that could bring Blade the freedom and love he's been searching for, or leave him feeling even more adrift. *Solo: Is* written by New York Times bestselling author and Newbery Medal and Coretta Scott King Book Award-winner Kwame Alexander Showcases Kwame's signature intricacy, intimacy, and poetic style, by exploring what it means to finally go home An #OwnVoices novel that features a BIPOC protagonist on a search for his roots and identity Received great reviews from Publishers Weekly, School Library Journal, Booklist, and Kirkus. If you enjoy *Solo*, check out *Swing* by Kwame Alexander and Mary Rand Hess. **Game Changers: Kwame Alexander** - Brian S. McGrath 2017-03-31

This high-interest biography examines the life of Kwame Alexander, the author of *The Crossover*. From his birth in 1968 to winning the Newbery Medal in 2015, students will read about the people and places that influenced his life and career, and will be encouraged to follow their dreams as they are engaged in reading. Developed by Timothy Rasinski and featuring TIME content, this full-color nonfiction book includes essential text features like an index, captions, glossary, and table of contents. The intriguing sidebars, detailed images, and in-depth Reader's Guide require students to connect back to the text and promote multiple readings. The Think Link and Dig Deeper! sections develop students' higher-order thinking skills, and the Check It Out! section includes suggested books, videos, and websites for further reading. Aligned with state standards, this text features complex and rigorous content appropriate for students preparing for college and career readiness.

Grounded - George Brant 2017-02-23

Winner of a Scotsman Fringe First Award 2013. Shortlisted for the Amnesty International Freedom of Expression Award 2013 at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, 2013. Seamlessly blending the personal and the political, *Grounded* tells the story of a hot-rod F16 fighter pilot whose unexpected pregnancy ends her career in the sky. Repurposed to flying remote-controlled drones in the Middle East from an air-conditioned trailer near Vegas, the Pilot struggles through surreal twelve-hour shifts far from the battlefield, hunting terrorists by day and being a wife and mother by night. A tour de force play for one actress, *Grounded* flies from the heights of lyricism to the shallows of workaday existence, targeting our assumptions about war, family, and the power of storytelling. *Grounded* was the winner of the 2012 Smith Prize.

Acoustic Rooster's Barnyard Boogie Starring Indigo Blume - Kwame Alexander 2020

Afraid of singing in front of a large crowd, Indigo dreams about *Acoustic Rooster* and his band and, after a storm flattens their barn, helps organize a concert fundraiser to rebuild it.

When We Were Vikings - Andrew David MacDonald 2020-01-28

A heart-swelling debut for fans of *The Silver Linings Playbook* and *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. Sometimes life isn't as simple as heroes and villains. For Zelda, a twenty-one-year-old Viking enthusiast who lives with her older brother, Gert, life is best lived with some basic rules: 1. A smile means "thank you for doing something small that I liked." 2. Fist bumps and dabs = respect. 3. Strange people are not appreciated in her home. 4. Tomatoes must go in the middle of the sandwich and not get the bread wet. 5. Sometimes the most important things don't fit on lists. But when Zelda finds out that Gert has resorted to some questionable—and dangerous—methods to make enough money to keep them afloat, Zelda decides to launch her own quest. Her mission: to be legendary. It isn't long before Zelda finds herself in a battle that

tests the reach of her heroism, her love for her brother, and the depth of her Viking strength. When We Were Vikings is an uplifting debut about an unlikely heroine whose journey will leave you wanting to embark on a quest of your own, because after all... We are all legends of our own making.

Ode to a Taxi Driver - Kwame Alexander 2020-04-07

Incredible stories. Award-winning storytellers. Epic adventure, mystery, and fun? We've got it all in Ghostwriter--the extraordinary new series from the hit Apple TV+ show, created by your friends at Sesame Workshop. This diverse poetry notebook by Kwame Alexander is next in the Ghostwriterseries, offering introductions to different styles of poems (list poems, haikus, etc.) with poems, inspirational quotes, and free write prompts and activities. Also includes bonus activities: Games Quizzes Puzzles Vocabulary Reading Comprehension and Crafts!

Surf's Up - Kwame Alexander 2018-05-01

Surf's up, Bro! Not yet, Dude. Books are boring. Not this one! Newbery Award Winner Kwame Alexander's bouncy ode to the joy of reading is available in board book format Bro and Dude have very different ideas about how to spend a day at the beach. But as Bro continues to gasp and cheer while he reads his book (Moby Dick), Dude can't help getting pulled in—literally. Before you can shout “Surf's up!” both frogs are sharing the same adventure— that is, until they get to the beach. Newbery Medalist Kwame Alexander and illustrator Daniel Miyares join forces to give readers a wild ride in this playful board book celebrating the joys of summer and reading.

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The Crossover - Kwame Alexander 2014

A middle-grade novel in verse follows the experiences of twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan, who struggle with challenges on and off the court while their father ignores his declining health. 20,000 first printing.

The Crossover - Kwame Alexander 2019-09-24

Shortlisted for the Books Are My Bag 2020 Readers Awards 'With a bolt of lightning on my kicks . . . The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. 'Cuz tonight I'm delivering,' raps twelve-year-old Josh Bell. Thanks to their dad, he and his twin brother, Jordan, are kings on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood - he's got mad beats, too, which help him find his rhythm when it's all on the line. See the Bell family in a whole new light through Dawud Anyabwile's dynamic illustrations as the brothers' winning season unfolds, and the world as they know it begins to change.

Light for the World to See - Kwame Alexander 2020-11-17

From NPR correspondent and New York Times bestselling author, Kwame Alexander, comes a powerful and provocative collection of poems that cut to the heart of the entrenched racism and oppression in America and eloquently explores ongoing events. A book in the tradition of James Baldwin's "A Report from Occupied Territory," *Light for the World to See* is a rap session on race. A lyrical response to the struggles of Black lives in our world . . . to America's crisis of conscience . . . to the centuries of loss, endless resilience, and unstoppable hope. Includes an introduction by the author and a bold, graphically designed interior. A collection of three powerful poems that take on racism and Black resistance in America by New York Times best-selling author Kwame Alexander. Includes an introduction by the author.

Kwame Alexander, The Crossover - Petra Kirchhoff 2017

The Door of No Return - Kwame Alexander 2022-10-06

The #1 New York Times bestseller *Dreams* are today's answers for tomorrow's questions. Eleven-year-old Kofi Offin has dreams of water, of its urgent whisper that beckons with promises and secrets. He has heard the call on the banks of Upper Kwanta, where he lives. He loves these things above all else: his family, the fireside tales of his father's father, a girl named Ama, and, of course, swimming. But when the unthinkable - a sudden death - occurs during a festival between rival villages, Kofi ends up in a fight for his life. What happens next will send him on a harrowing journey across land and sea, and away from everything he loves. Yet Kofi's dreams may be the key to his freedom...

He Said, She Said - Kwame Alexander 2013-11-19

Sparks will fly in this hip-hop-hot teen novel that mixes social protest and star-crossed romance, from Newbery Medal and Coretta Scott King Honor-winning author Kwame Alexander! *He Said, She Said* is perfect for fans of Walter Dean Myers and Rachel Vail alike. He says: Omar "T-Diddy" Smalls has got it made—a full football ride to UMiami, hero-worship status at school, and pick of any girl at West Charleston High. She says: Football, shmootball. Here's what Claudia Clarke cares about: Harvard, the poor, the disenfranchised, the hungry, the staggering teen pregnancy rate, investigative journalism . . . the list goes on. She does not have a minute to waste on Mr. T-Diddy Smalls and his harem of bimbos. *He Said, She Said* is a fun and fresh novel from Kwame Alexander that throws these two high school seniors together when they unexpectedly end up leading the biggest social protest this side of the Mississippi—with a lot of help from Facebook and Twitter. The stakes are high, the romance is hot, and when these worlds collide, watch out!

Kwame Alexander - Abby Cooper 2019

Author Kwame Alexander writes books for children of all ages. His book *The Crossover* won the Newbery Medal in 2015. Learn more about his writing success!

Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets - Kwame Alexander 2017-03-14

Presents a collection of twenty poems written in tribute to well-known poets from around the world.

The Undeclared - Kwame Alexander 2019

Winner of the 2020 Caldecott Medal A 2020 Newbery Honor Book Winner of the 2020 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award The Newbery Award-winning author of *THE CROSSOVER* pens an ode to black American triumph and tribulation, with art from a two-time Caldecott Honoree. Originally performed for ESPN's *The Undeclared*, this poem is a love letter to black life in the United States. It highlights the unspeakable trauma of slavery, the faith and fire of the civil rights movement, and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world's greatest heroes. The text is also peppered with references to the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks, and others, offering deeper insights into the accomplishments of the past, while bringing stark attention to the endurance and spirit of those surviving and thriving in the present. Robust back matter at the end provides valuable historical context and additional detail for those wishing to learn more.

The Write Thing: Kwame Alexander Engages Students in Writing Workshop - Kwame Alexander 2018-07-02

Imagine having a Newbery Medal-winning author in your classroom as an advisor and a friend, providing personal and practical advice on how to teach writing workshop in the modern-day classroom. With *The Write Thing*, you can do just that! Kwame Alexander is the New York Times bestselling author of *The Crossover*. With more than 10 years of experience conducting writing workshops in schools, Alexander shows how to shake up the "traditional" writing workshop and make writing fun again! His magnetic personality, infectious enthusiasm, and love of teaching come through to inspire all students to write. *The Write Thing* teaches you how to move students step-by-step from ideas, to drafts, to finished works. Not only will you successfully motivate your students to write, you'll take that motivation one step further by providing guidance on how to create student-driven publications of their work. The confidence students will attain when they

see their writing authentically published will be off the charts! The book has three parts: Writing, Publishing, and Presenting. The Writing section features Lessons in Action that teach students to produce writing that is worthy of being published. With a focus on poetry, Alexander's writing workshop uniquely meets the needs of reluctant writers. The Publishing section focuses on how to prepare and print digital and physical copies of students' work. The Presenting section provides suggestions to help students confidently present their poetry and other written pieces. Other exciting features include Kwame Time! videos for both teachers and students that bring Alexander into the classroom. Kwame's Quick Tips feature easy-to-implement ideas that have worked for Alexander. With an insightful foreword by author Kylene Beers, teacher success stories, and the most helpful appendix ever written, this essential resource will teach you how to tailor writing workshop to meet the particular needs of your students.

Becoming Muhammad Ali - James Patterson 2020-10-05

Two heavy-hitters in children's literature deliver a critically acclaimed, bestselling biographical novel of cultural icon Muhammad Ali. "This utterly delightful story about Ali's childhood is a smash hit."—School Library Journal (starred review) Before he was a household name, Cassius Clay was a kid with struggles like any other. Kwame Alexander and James Patterson join forces to vividly depict his life up to age seventeen in both prose and verse, including his childhood friends, struggles in school, the racism he faced, and his discovery of boxing. Readers will learn about Cassius' family and neighbors in Louisville, Kentucky, and how, after a thief stole his bike, Cassius began training as an amateur boxer at age twelve. Before long, he won his first Golden Gloves bout and began his transformation into the unrivaled Muhammad Ali. Fully authorized by and written in cooperation with the Muhammad Ali estate, and vividly brought to life by Dawud Anyabwile's dynamic artwork, *Becoming Muhammad Ali* captures the budding charisma and youthful personality of one of the greatest sports heroes of all time. Longlisted for the 2022-2023 Indiana Young Hoosier Book Award, and nominated for the 2021-2022 Black Eyed Susan Book Award!

The Crossover - Kwame Alexander 2019

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

Kupenda - Kwame Alexander 2003-01-15

This collection of radiant, inspiring love poems by a true soldier of love (E. Ethelbert Miller) is a perfect companion for those who want to share their hearts, or wish to mend them. Whether you hope to kindle the flame in a new relationship or just want to savor some great new verse, *Kupenda* is all you need to augment your romantic arsenal.

The Crossover - Kwame Alexander 2015-10-08

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And Then You Know - Kwame Alexander 2012

A collection of poems from the 2015 Newbery Medalist, Kwame Alexander If I can have a literary son, I like to think it is Kwame Alexander...Hard worker, truth seeker, soul sharer. --Nikki Giovanni Like the minimalist, melodic, melancholy music of 20th century French Composer Erik Satie, poet Kwame Alexander's parsed, fecund words dance their way into one's heart, head...and soul. --Eric W. Feber, Virginia Pilot-Ledger Dtar

Animal Ark - Kwame Alexander 2017

A howling wolf, a stalking tiger, a playful panda, a dancing bird - pairing the stunning photography of National Geographic photographer Joel Sartore with the delicate poetry of Newbery award-winning author Kwame Alexander, this lush picture book celebrates the beauty, diversity, and fragility of the animal world. Featuring more than 40 unique animal portraits, the pages invite kids to explore each creature's markings, textures, and attributes in stunning detail, while calling on all of us to help protect each and every one. Three picture-packed gatefolds inside showcase even more familiar and exotic species. These images are part of Sartore's lifelong project to photograph every animal in the world, with special attention given to disappearing and endangered species.

Crossover - Kwame Alexander 2017

How to Write a Poem - Kwame Alexander 2023-04-04

In this evocative and playful companion to their New York Times bestselling picture book *How to Read a Book*, Newbery Medalist Kwame Alexander teams up with poet Deanna Nikaido and Caldecott Honoree Melissa Sweet to celebrate the magic of discovering your very own poetry in the world around you. Begin with a question like an acorn waiting for spring. From this first stanza, readers are invited to pay attention—and to see that paying attention itself is poetry. Kwame Alexander and Deanna Nikaido's playful text and Melissa Sweet's dynamic, inventive artwork are paired together to encourage readers to listen, feel, and discover the words that dance in the world around them—poems just waiting to be written down.