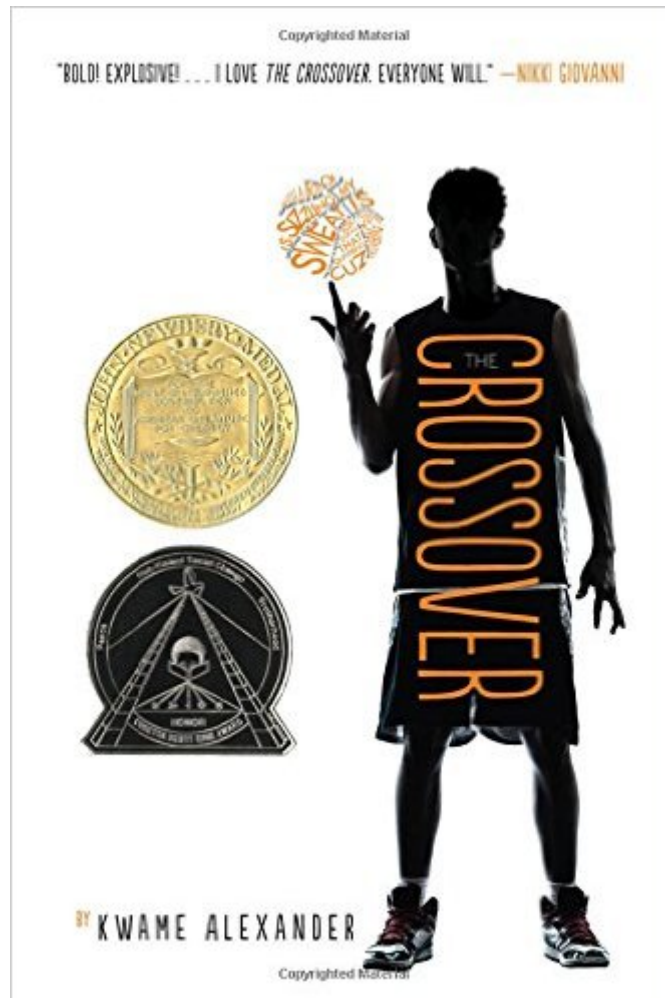


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# The Crossover



## Synopsis

2015 Newbery Medal Winner 2015 Coretta Scott King Honor Award Winner "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," announces dread-locked, 12-year old Josh Bell. He and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse, in this fast and furious middle grade novel of family and brotherhood from Kwame Alexander. Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story's heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 10 - 12 years

Grade Level: 5 - 7

## Customer Reviews

A Conversation with Kwame Alexander We talked to the Newbery Medal-winning author, whose new novel, *Booked*, is available in April. You've written about basketball, now soccer. Do you play sports yourself? I used to play a lot of basketball. I was average. Tennis was my sport. I was one of the top players in the state of Virginia when I was in high school. Now, I just do Zumba, which I know you're probably thinking, that's not a sport, which is exactly what I thought until I took my wife's Thursday night Zumba

class and I felt like I'd run ten miles and did 100 squats. But, it was fun too. Also, I play a mean game of ping pong. How did things change for you after you won the Newbery Medal for *The Crossover*? In the words of that great poet, Jay-Z, "I went from lukewarm to hot. Sleeping on futons and cots or better yet, as Erykah Badu sang, "What a day this has been! What a rare mood I'm in! Why, it's almost like being in love." Seriously, the biggest change in my life is I get to travel to a lot more schools and libraries and conferences to share my love of poetry and reading with young people and teachers and librarians. That's a pretty awesome responsibility and a lot of fun (and frequent flyer miles).

How do you feel about the #WeNeedDiverseBooks movement happening in children's publishing? It's a big part of the civil rights movement of our day. How do we create equity and equality in the images and ideas that enable all of our children to imagine a world of possible, that empower all of our children to dream a better world, is the most important question we can ask ourselves as parents, teachers, and librarians. Many of your books involve first love. Any advice to budding Casanovas? Write poetry.

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