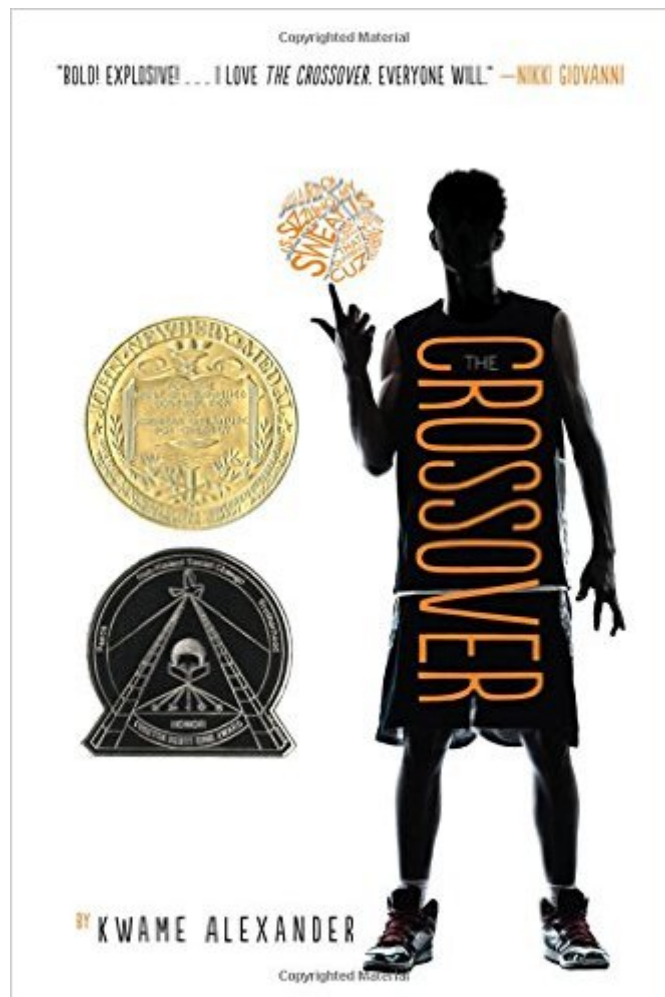


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# The Crossover



## 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 Iâ™m delivering," announces dread-locked, 12-year old Josh Bell. Heâ and his twin brother Jordanâ are awesome on theâ court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he&#39;s got mad beats, too, that tell his family&#39;s story in verse, in this fast and furiousâ middle grade novel of family and brotherhood from Kwame Alexander. â â â Josh and Jordanâ must come toâ grips with growing up on and off the court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story&#39;s heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family.

## Book Information

Lexile Measure: 750L (What's this?)

Hardcover: 240 pages

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Product Dimensions: 0.8 x 5 x 8 inches

Shipping Weight: 11.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 starsâ â See all reviewsâ (314 customer reviews)

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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 MedalÃ¢Â winning author, whose new novel, *Booked*, is available in April. YouÃ¢Â â™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 youÃ¢Â â™re probably thinking, Ã¢ÂthatÃ¢Â â™s not a sport,Ã¢Â â™ which is exactly what I thought until I took my wifeÃ¢Â â™s Thursday night Zumba

class and I felt like IÃ¢â¬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, Ã¢â¬I went from lukewarm to hot. Sleeping on futons and cotsÃ¢â¬ or better yet, as Erykah Badu sang, Ã¢â¬What a day this has been! What a rare mood I'm in! Why, it's almost like being in loveÃ¢â¬. 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. ThatÃ¢â¬s a pretty awesome responsibility and a lot of fun (and frequent flyer miles).

How do you feel about the #WeNeedDiverseBooks movement happening in childrenÃ¢â¬s publishing? ItÃ¢â¬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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