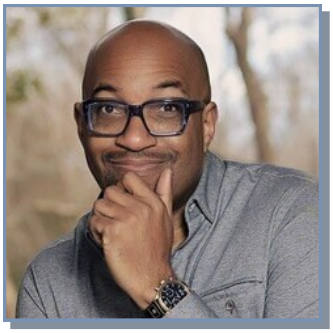
每月作家 Author of the Month



“Kwame Alexander born in 1968, is an American poet and children’s author. In addition, he is an advocate for introducing literary works and the art of writing to school children. He won the Newbery Medal in 2015 for his book *The Crossover* (2014), which he wrote in verse.

Alexander was born on August 21, 1968, in Manhattan, New York, to literary parents: his father was a writer and his mother an English teacher. When he was 12 years old, his family moved to Virginia. After first studying biochemistry at Virginia Tech, Alexander switched to English and developed an interest in poetry.

Besides writing, Alexander was active in community-based initiatives. In 2006 he founded Book-in-a-Day, a nonprofit educational literacy service. The organization helps to promote reading and writing skills by encouraging children to write poetry and publish their work. In 2012 Alexander cofounded the Literacy Empowerment Action Project (LEAP), which is dedicated to increasing educational opportunities in Ghana” (“Kwame Alexander”).

“Kwame Alexander.” *Britannica School,* Encyclopaedia Britannica, 16 Jun. 2020, school.ebonline.com/levels/middle/article/Kwame-Alexander/625300. Accessed 25 Mar. 2025.

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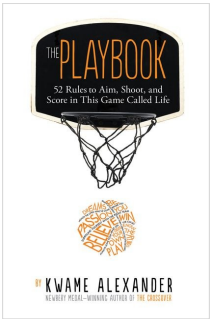
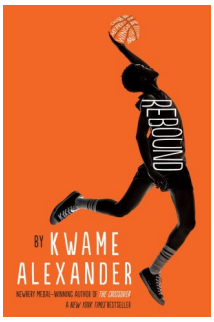


The Playbook : 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life

Call number: 796.01 ALE

The author features motivational life lessons from athletes and role models, inspiring readers of all ages to overcome obstacles and enrich their lives.



Rebound

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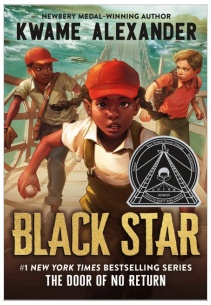
This book follows Chuck Bell's childhood, revealing how he became a basketball star and jazz music lover. Set during a transformative summer, it explores family history and Chuck's early discovery of basketball.



Black Star

2025 Newbery Medal
2025 Coretta Scott King Author Honor

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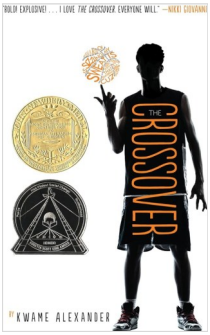
12-year-old Charley Cuffey, a talented pitcher from Lee’s Mill, dreams of becoming the first female professional player, navigating challenges as a Black girl in the American South.



The Crossover

2015 Newbery Medal
2015 Coretta Scott King Author Honor

Call number: JF ALE

14-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.