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# The Crossover

## by Kwame Alexander



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

### What's It About?

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.

This book is a novel in verse, which means it is told in poems. Many are styled like raps.

- \*\* Soon to be a show on Disney+
- \*\* Won the Newbery Award
- \*\* New York Times Bestseller!

### Who Wrote It?

Kwame Alexander has written 35 books, three of them in a chair next to a fireplace at his neighborhood Panera Bread. He now writes in a penthouse in London, where he lives. When he's not writing, Kwame's playing Softball with his soon-to-be six feet tall middle school daughter, walking around London listening to audio books, and travelling to schools and libraries across the globe...on Zoom. Kwame has eaten snails, chocolate covered bugs, and grasscutter, which is like a big rat, which he had no idea he was eating



because it was in a really tasty stew he ate in Ghana while building a library and a health clinic in a village called Konko. Kwame loves jazz. Kwame loves his family. Kwame loves his job.

AR Reading Level: 4.3

Lexile Level: 750L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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