

## Biography

### Kwame Alexander



Kwame Alexander is a poet, children's book author, playwright, producer, dynamic speaker, performer, and the author of fourteen books including *AND THEN YOU KNOW: New and Selected Poems*, *CRUSH: Love Poems for Teenagers*, and *FAMILY PICTURES: Poems and Photographs Celebrating Our Loved Ones*. He has delivered awe-inspiring keynote speeches, and performed his cutting-edge brand of poetry to audiences at numerous conferences, colleges and venues throughout the world, including: Oberlin College, UC Berkeley, Stratford-on-Avon, Brixton Town Hall, Hampton University, Duke University, University of Maryland, America's Choice National Conference, National Council for Teachers of English Convention, the Gwendolyn Brooks Writers Conference, and the New York State Council for Teachers of English Annual Conference. From 2005-2011, Kwame was the founding producer of the Capital BookFest, an annual touring book festival that reached more than 10,000 book-lovers in Charleston, SC, Washington, DC, and Richmond, VA.

Since 2006, Kwame's Bookinaday (BID) writing & publishing program has created more than 1000 student authors in more than 30 schools across the country, and in Canada. In the summer of 2010, Alexander created the Book-in-a-Day International Fellowship, and took eight writer/educators on a creative journey to Tuscany.

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- **Website:**

### Books by Kwame Alexander



## The Crossover

by [Kwame Alexander](#) - [Sports](#), [Youth Fiction](#)

Twin brothers Josh and Jordan, skilled in both basketball and mad beats, 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.



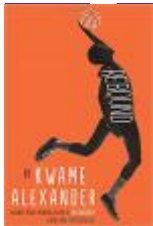
## Booked

by [Kwame Alexander](#) - [Children's 10-12](#), [Culture](#), [Family Life](#), [Poetry](#)



[Our Story Begins: Your Favorite Authors and Illustrators Share Fun, Inspiring, and Occasionally Ridiculous Things They Wrote and Drew as Kids](#)

by [Elissa Brent Weissman](#), [Kwame Alexander](#), [Tom Angleberger](#), [Kathi Appelt](#), [Ashley Bryan](#), [Tim Federle](#), [Candace Fleming](#), [Marla Frazee](#), [Chris Gall](#), [Alex Gino](#), [Chris Grabenstein](#), [Gordon Korman](#), [Jarrett J. Krosoczka](#), [Thanhha Lai](#), [Peter Lerangis](#), [Gail Carson Levine](#), [Grace Lin](#), [Yuyi Morales](#), [Phyllis Reynolds Naylor](#), [R. J. Palacio](#), [Linda Sue Park](#), [Dan Santat](#), [Brian Selznick](#), [Cynthia Leitich Smith](#), and [Rita Williams-Garcia](#) - [Careers](#), [Children's 8-12](#), [Nonfiction](#)



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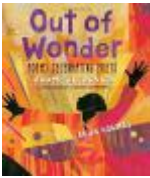
by [Kwame Alexander](#) - [Children's](#), [Children's 10+](#), [Children's 10-12](#), [Contemporary Fiction](#), [Family](#), [Fiction](#), [Sports](#)



## Solo

[Kwame Alexander](#) with [Mary Rand Hess](#) - [Coming of Age](#), [Contemporary Fiction](#), [Family](#), [Fiction](#), [Friendship](#), [Social Issues](#), [Young Adult 12+](#)

Blade Morrison knows the life of a rock star isn't really about the glitz and glamour. Nothing can't make up for the scathing tabloid covers or the fact that his father is struggling with just about every addiction under the sun. Now, Blade is left to figure out life with the help of his mentor, Robert, his girlfriend Chapel, and his music. But when he discovers a deeply protected family secret, Blade decides the only way he will understand his past and begin his future is to find out the truth behind the music and himself.



### [Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets](#)

Written by [Kwame Alexander](#) with illustrations by [Ekua Holmes](#) - [Biography](#), [Children's 8-12](#), [Creative Writing](#), [Literary](#), [Poetry](#), [Poetry Collection](#)



### [The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life](#)

Written by [Kwame Alexander](#) with photos by [Thai Neave](#) - [Children's 10-12](#), [Fiction](#), [Friendship](#), [Sports](#)



### [He Said, She Said](#)

by [Kwame Alexander](#) - [Young Adult 14+](#)

HE SAID, SHE SAID is a fun and fresh novel from Kwame Alexander that throws 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.

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