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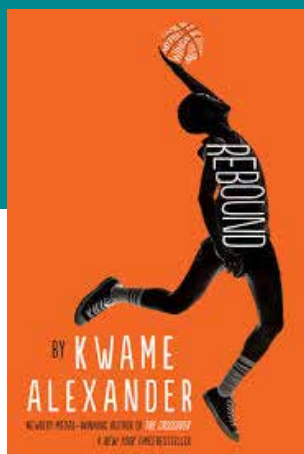
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After his dad dies, Charlie has a lot of anger and grief stored up in his heart. His now rocky relationship with his mother gets him sent to live with his grandparents for the summer. Working with his grandfather and playing basketball with his cousin Roxie helps keep him busy and he starts enjoying his life there. When his friend Skinny comes to DC, Charlie ends up in the wrong place at the wrong time and spends some time in jail. After that his mother decides that she needs him back home, but the lessons he's learned over the summer have helped him “rebound, on and off the court.”

Author

Kwame Alexander

Illustrator

Reviewer

Taylor Harris

Rating

Outstanding

Level

Intermediate, Young
Adult

Written exclusively in verse, Alexander weaves a story as beautiful as a good team passing on the court. The poetic flow of the words makes the story fly by so quickly! The book is over 400 pages, but it feels like maybe half that. The story is engaging and personal and will find its way into the reader's heart, just like a hard, fast chest pass. It addresses themes of grief, love, and friends and keeps the reader right by Charlie as he figures out how to put his life back together after the shattering experience of his father's death. Beautifully written and eye-opening, *Rebound* is a slam-dunk in the world of novels in verse.

*Contains mild violence and mild references to drugs.

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414

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