



2018

Long Way Down

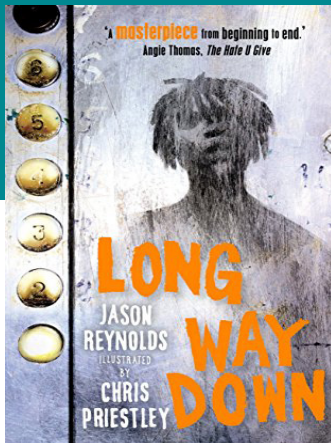
Abigail Packard

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cbmr>

BYU ScholarsArchive Citation

Packard, Abigail (2018) "Long Way Down," *Children's Book and Media Review*: Vol. 39 : Iss. 10 , Article 47.
Available at: <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cbmr/vol39/iss10/47>

This Book Review is brought to you for free and open access by the All Journals at BYU ScholarsArchive. It has been accepted for inclusion in Children's Book and Media Review by an authorized editor of BYU ScholarsArchive. For more information, please contact scholarsarchive@byu.edu, ellen_amatangelo@byu.edu.



Book Review

Long Way Down

Author

Jason Reynolds

Illustrator

Reviewer

Abigail Packard

Rating

Outstanding

Level

Intermediate, Young
Adult

Pages

320

Year

2017

Publisher

Atheneum/Caitlyn

ISBN

9781481438254

Reynolds has crafted this incredibly poignant story in an extremely raw yet approachable way. The novel in verse takes the reader on a fast, fierce ride down the elevator with Will and encapsulates the quick stream of consciousness that Will's mind plays during the minute-long, life-changing ride. The themes and story contain some very thought-provoking and difficult material. Reynolds approaches this content with the hand of a master; his writing is never didactic. Instead, Reynolds takes the reader through Will's thought process by laying it out and giving gentle nudges to think about what is happening in the story. But beyond that, Reynolds leaves everything in the reader's hands to think about and grapple with. This is a stunning, quick read that will leave readers thinking long after finishing.

*Contains mild language and moderate violence.