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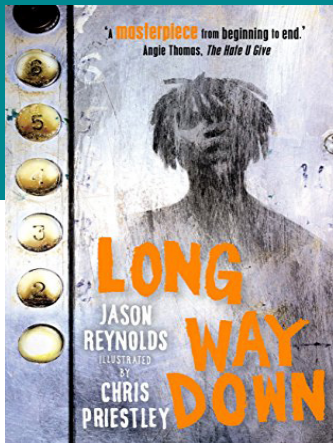
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Book Review

Long Way Down

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Reviewer

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Intermediate, Young
Adult

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320

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2017

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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.