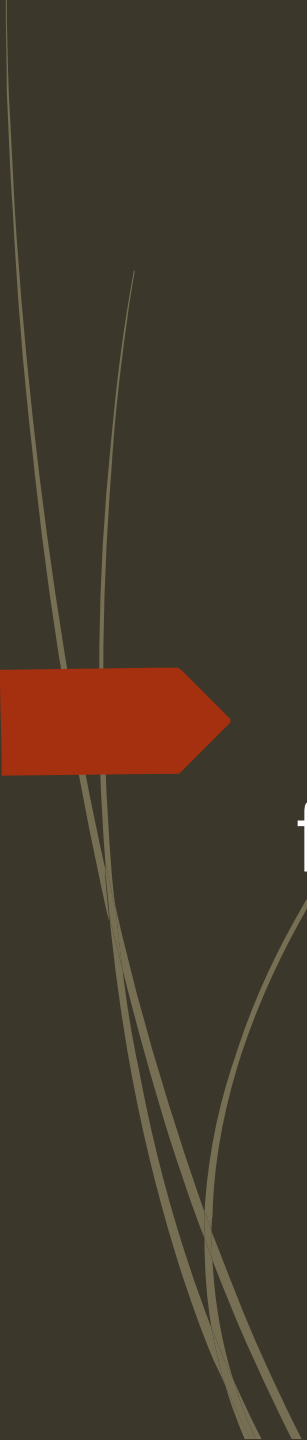




# Summer Reading

For Students Entering 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Summer 2022

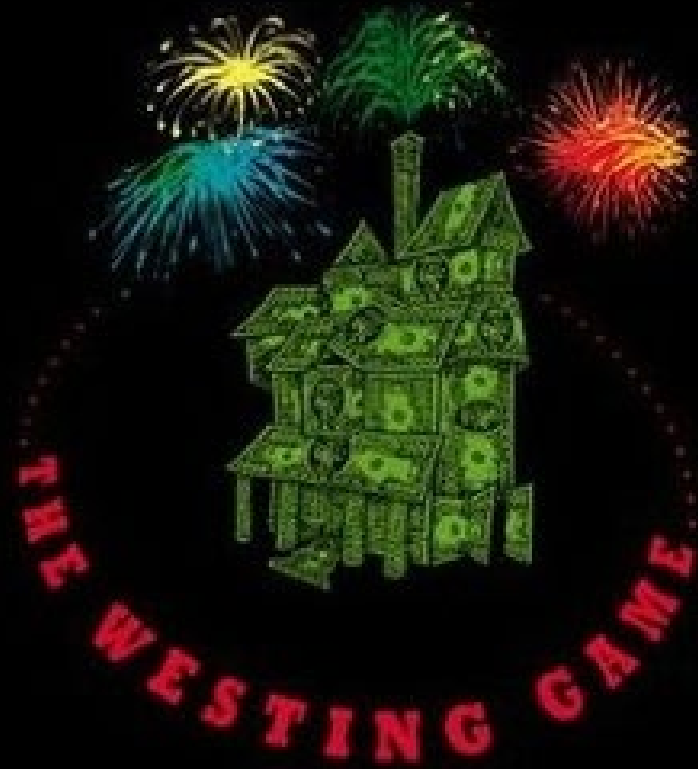


# Summer Reading Titles for Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Graders

Choose **one** of the following titles:

- ▶ *The Westing Game* (Ellen Raskin)
- ▶ *Stamped* (Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi)
- ▶ *Booked* (Kwame Alexander)
- ▶ *Call of the Wild* (Jack London)
- ▶ *The Mysterious Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* (Sir Arthur Conan Doyle)

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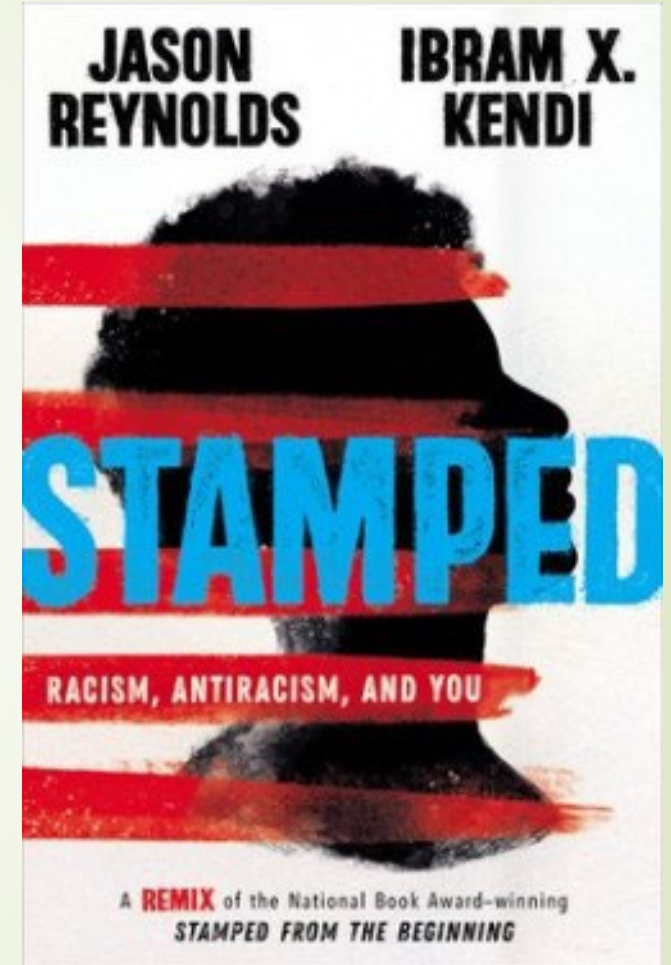
# *The Westing Game*

## Ellen Raskin

- Millionaire Samuel Westing has died, and sixteen people have been invited to the reading of the will. Westing was known to be a game lover, and he has set one last puzzling game for these 16 people.
- Westing stated in the will that someone would kill him. If one of these people can solve the mystery of his murder, that person will inherit his fortune.
- Now these 16 are caught up in Westing's game, trying to be the first to solve the mystery. Oh, and they all live in the same apartment building.

# Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

- Jason Reynolds is an award-winning writer. His books include *Long Way Down*, the *Track* series, *Look Both Ways*, and many more.
- Ibram X. Kendi is a writer and professor. He is the director of the Center for Antiracist Research at Boston University.
- Reynolds took Kendi's book *Stamped from the Beginning* and remixed it for young adults.





# Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*

- ▶ This is one of the books on both the **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>** grade summer reading lists.
- ▶ Jason Reynolds decided to create a “remix” of Ibram X. Kendi’s book, *Stamped from the Beginning*. The book has been added at many schools, and it has been challenged and banned in some places.
- ▶ Reynolds speaks directly to young people in the book. He also reads his own work in the audiobook version—a great listening experience.



Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi appeared on *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah* to promote their book.

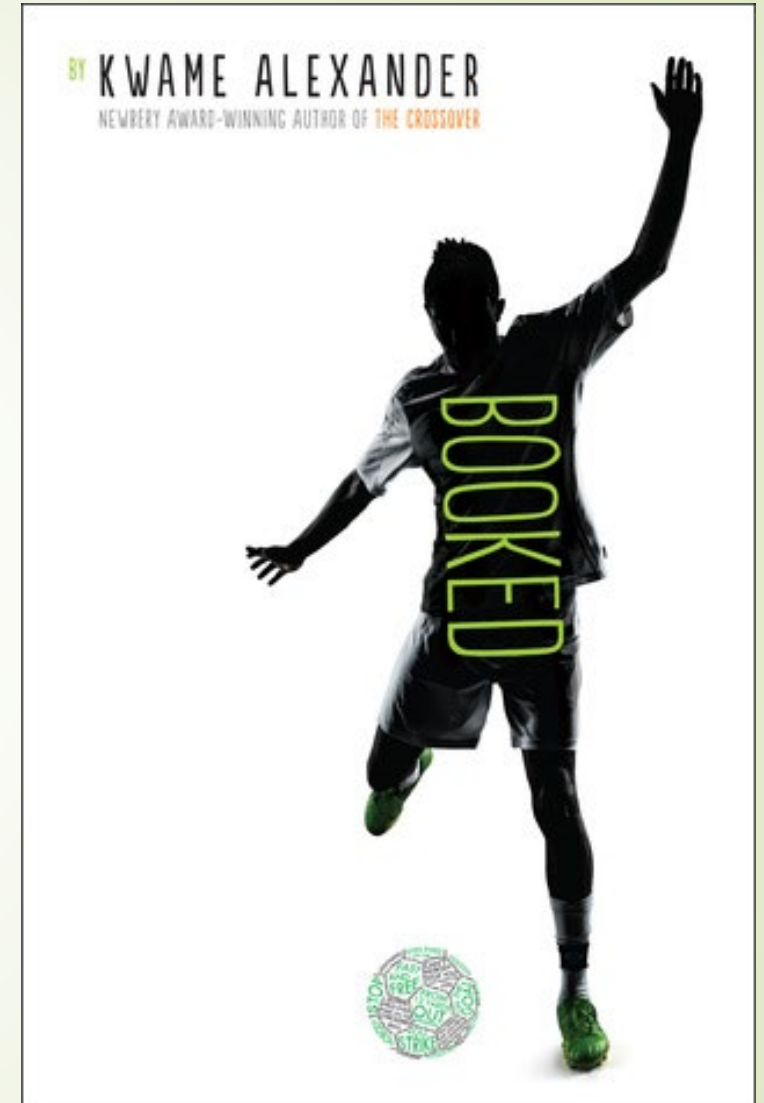
[Interview with Reynolds and Kendi](#)



# Booked

by Kwame Alexander

- Nick is 12 years old and a soccer player.
- He has to stand up to a bully, deal with home troubles, and find a way to keep up with his team.
- He finds help from his friend Cody and a rapping librarian called The Mac.
- A novel-in-verse and the second in *The Crossover* series (but it can stand alone).



# Kwame Alexander on his books

- Here is Alexander reading from his novel:
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wEbLVppZ5pw&ab\\_channel=BookTrust](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wEbLVppZ5pw&ab_channel=BookTrust)



**Booked by Kwame Alexander**  
Shortlisted for the CLIPPA (Centre for Literacy  
in Primary Poetry Award) 2017





# *The Call of the Wild*

by Jack London

- This is one of the choices for incoming **7<sup>th</sup> graders**.
- Jack London's book about a dog named Buck has been a favorite of young people and adults since it was first published in 1903.
- Buck is stolen from his California home and sold as a sled dog in Alaska, during the Klondike Gold Rush of the 1890s.
- It has been made into a movie.

# *The Call of the Wild* in Films

- 2020 film with Harrison Ford
- 2000 television series
- 1997 film with Rutger Hauer
- 1992 TV movie
- 1972 film with Charlton Heston
- 1935 film with Clark Gable
- 1923 silent film

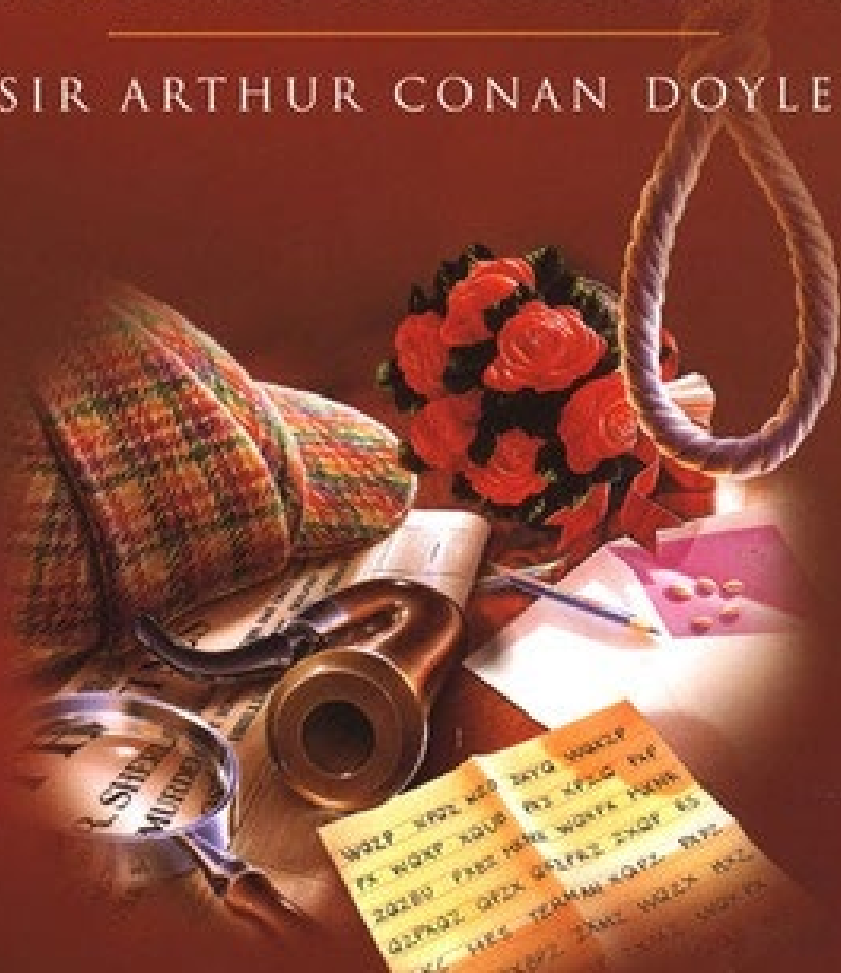


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# THE MYSTERIOUS ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE



## *Mysterious Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

- The return of the great detective Sherlock Holmes who, along with his assistant and amanuensis Dr. John Watson, solves more perplexing mysteries.
- This collection of stories includes some with Sherlock's brother Mycroft Holmes, and some of the detective's best-known puzzles.