



# Summer Reading

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

Summer 2023



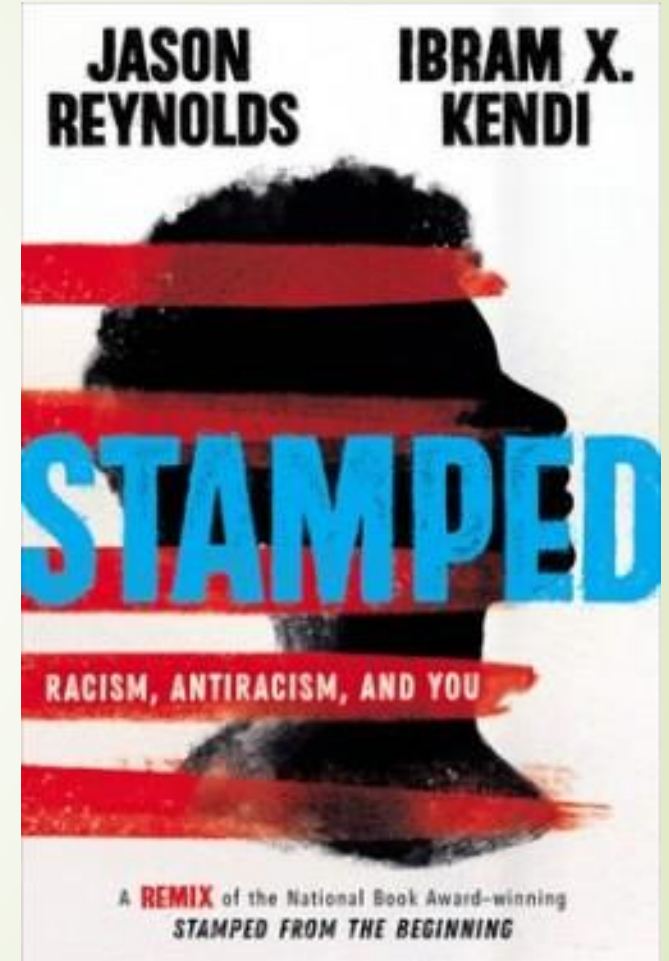
# Summer Reading Titles for Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Graders

Choose **one** of the following titles:

- *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)
- *Secret Coders Book 1* (Gene Luen Yang)

# 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.

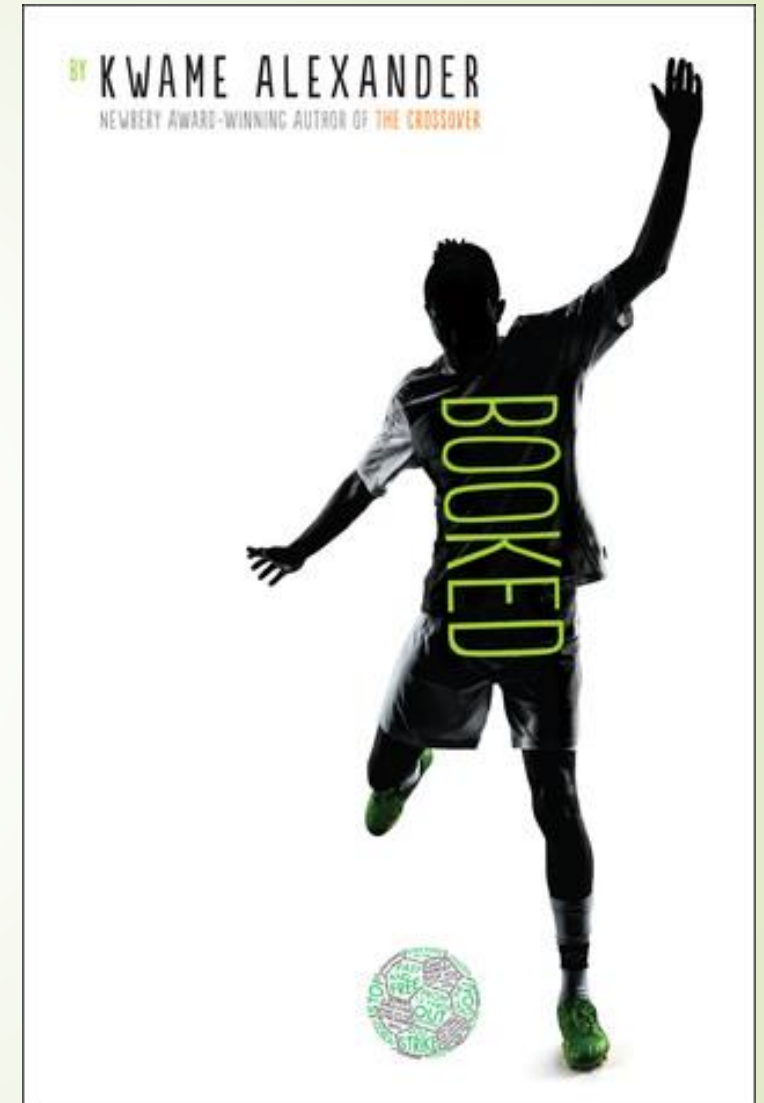


[Interview with Reynolds and Kendi](#)

# Booked

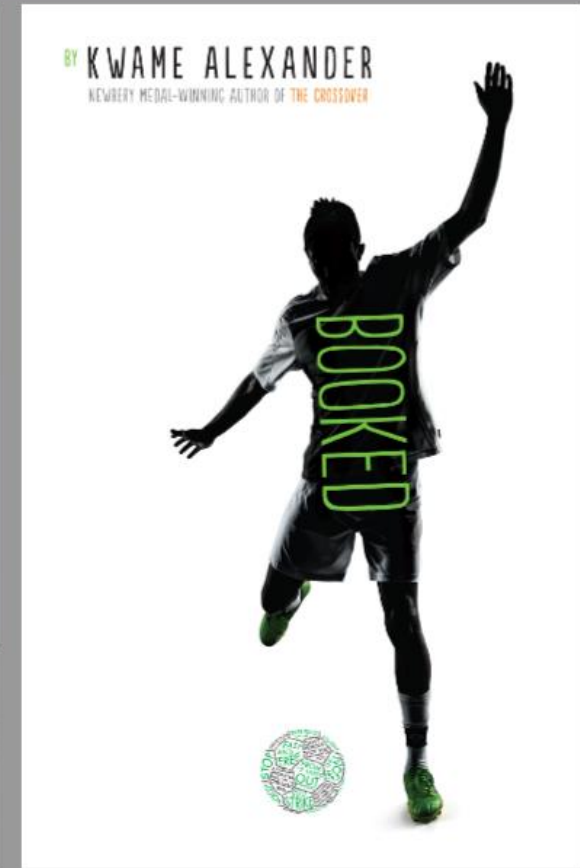
by Kwame Alexander

- ▶ 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*

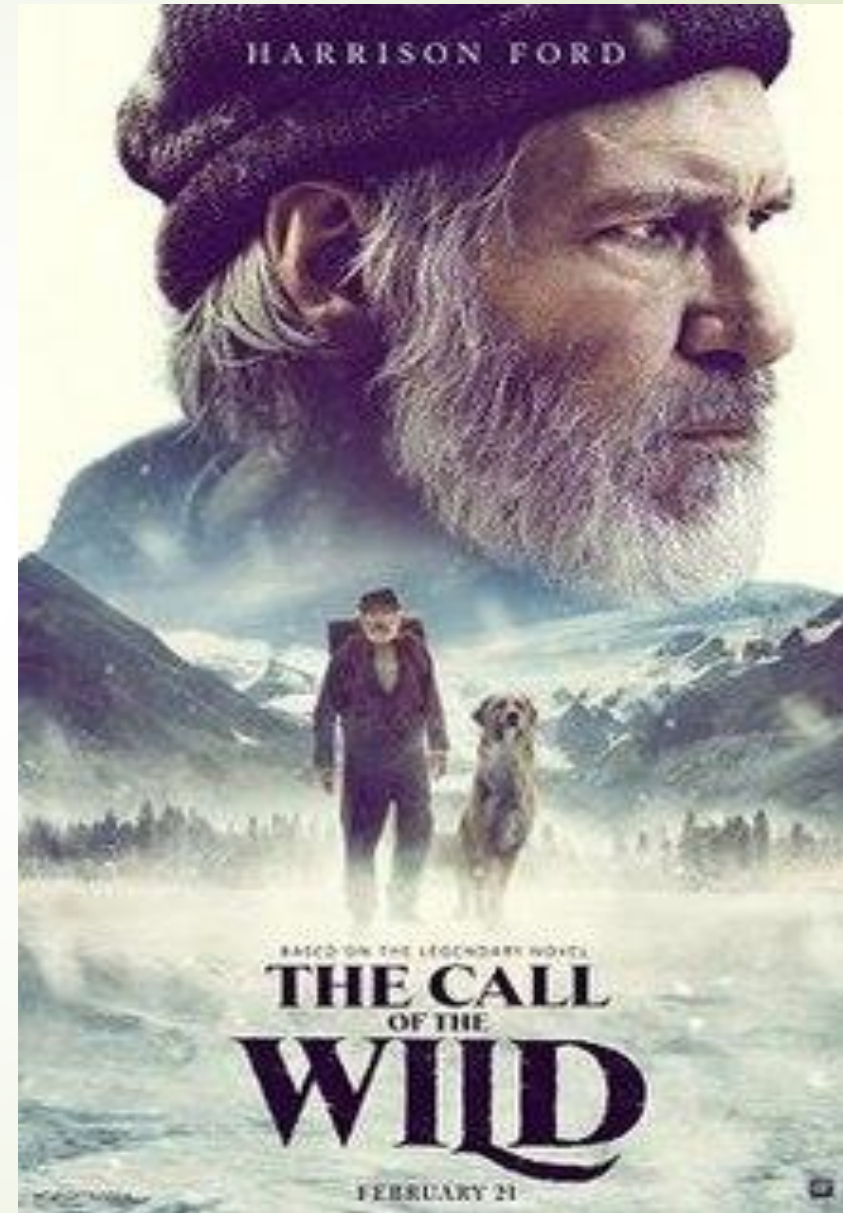
by Jack London

- ▶ 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

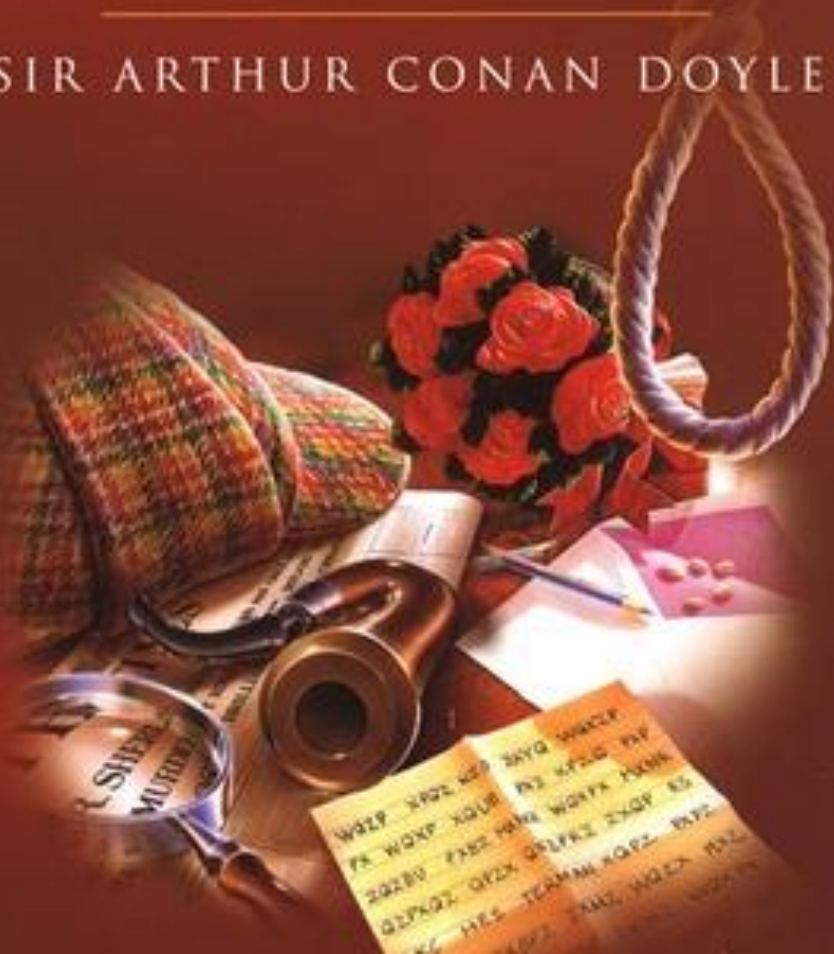


PUFFIN CLASSICS



# THE MYSTERIOUS ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

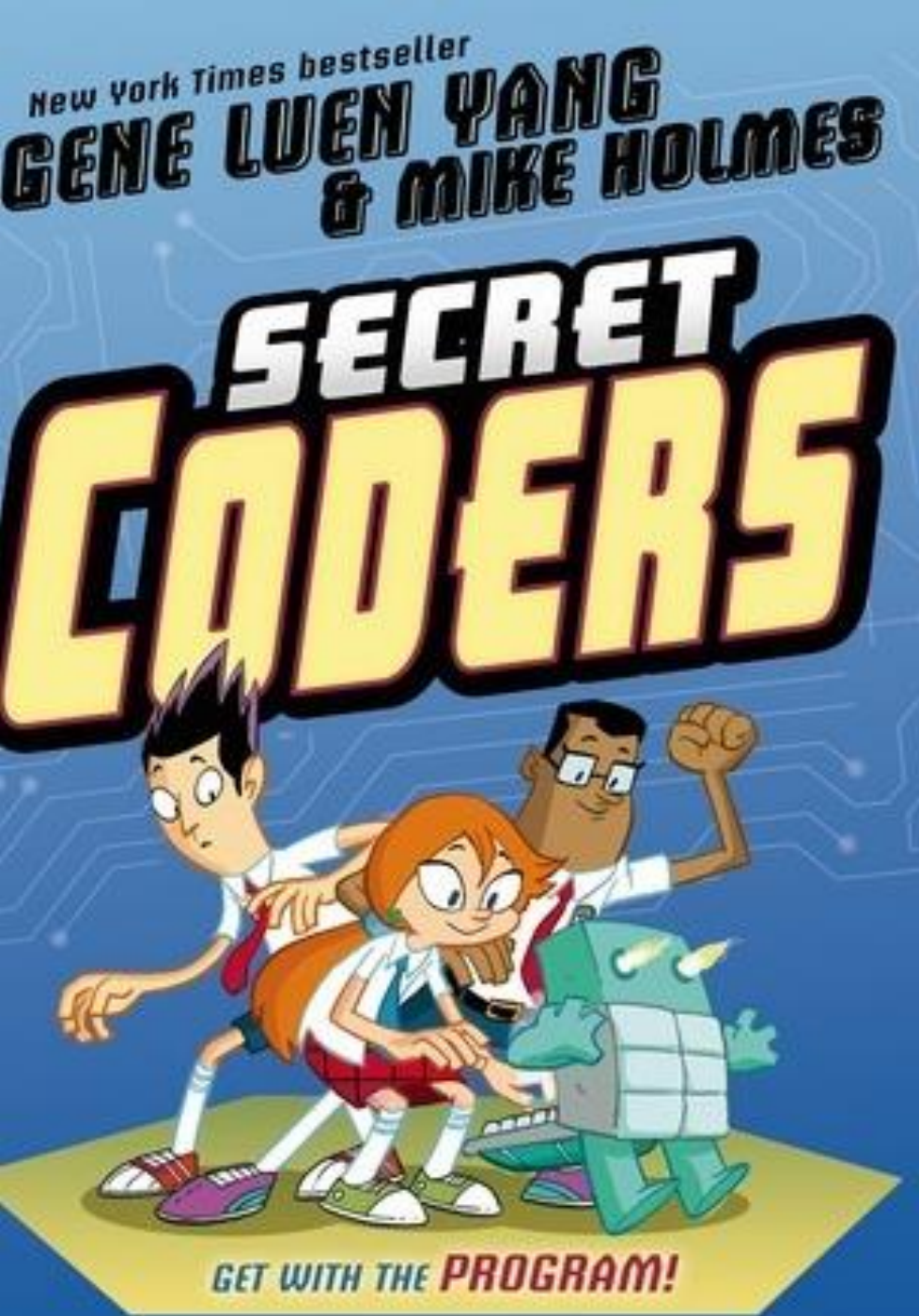
SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE



## *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.





# Secret Coders

## Book 1

- ▶ Hopper and Eni are students at Stately Academy, a school filled with mysteries.
- ▶ The founder left several clues and puzzles, and the two computer programming friends must use their growing skills at coding to solve the mysteries.
- ▶ Logic puzzles and programming instruction feature in this first book of a series.