

BOOKED

by Kwame Alexander

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Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)



Genre(s):



Contemporary



Action/adventure



Science Fiction



Fantasy



Romance



Horror



Mystery



Nonfiction



Historical fiction



Other:

Kwame Alexander's *Booked* features, Nick, an electric teen who is crazy about soccer. This graphic novel follows the coming of age teen as he explores his future, navigates his complicated family life, manages crushes, books, and bullies at school, and tries to compete in his beloved sport of soccer. Through many twists and turns Nick begins to find what he is really made of and what he can make of himself in his world.

I personally did not like this book too much, even as an avid fan and player of soccer. For some reason the book simply did not hit my note, maybe because I'm a bit mature, but it just seemed like Nick complained too much about his life. Eventually though, he does realize how to stand up to his challenges and be grateful for his blessings, as well as take advantage of them, so there are certainly good lessons for a reader. But ultimately I think the book is not well put together to convey the message.

It would seem that the book is either focused on Nick's growth and development or on his soccer journey, so I personally think it is all over the place. Nick has to deal with bullies and getting a girl to like him as well, so I don't think the book is well organized. However, a younger reader may identify with all the challenges a 12 year old Nick faces and find a few lessons from the book, so if you are a "pre-teen" maybe this book is for you. Overall I did not find this book very interesting and it was quite hard to follow.

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