



FIND YOURSELF IN A BOOK

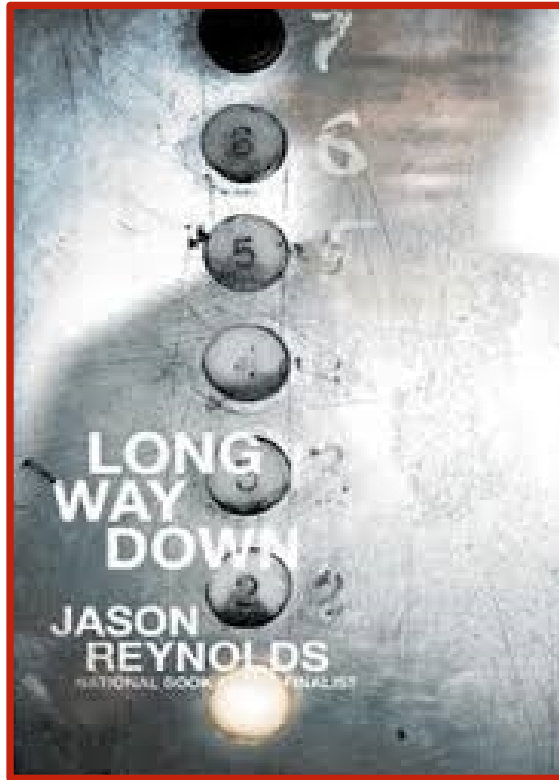
How do I help students find a title that will allow them to share a personal connection to the book's topic, theme, situations, and/or main character(s)?

WHY DIDN'T AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR, JASON REYNOLDS, READ IN HIS YOUTH?



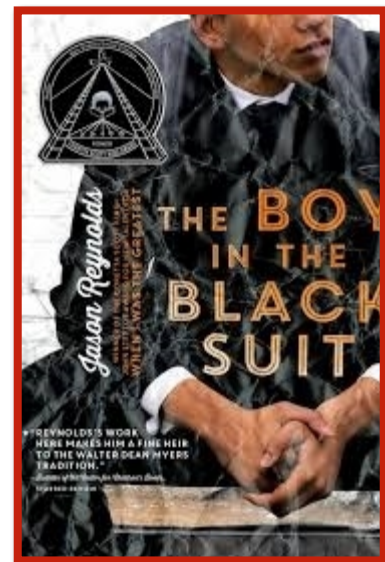
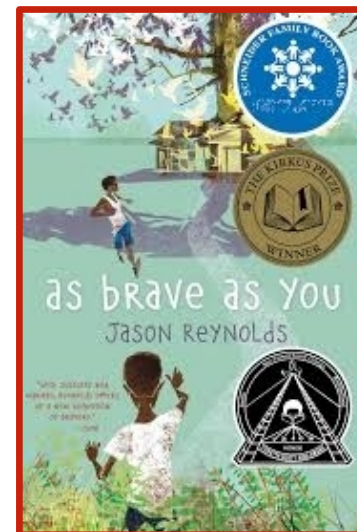
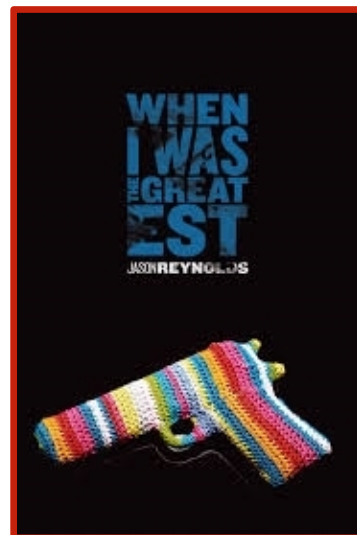
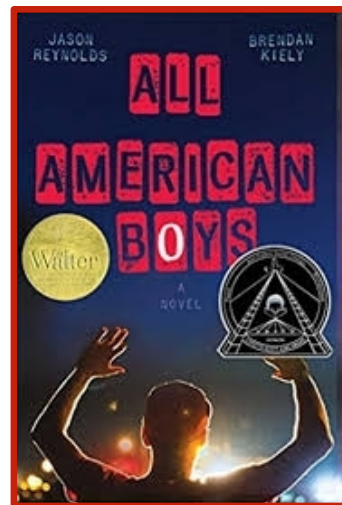
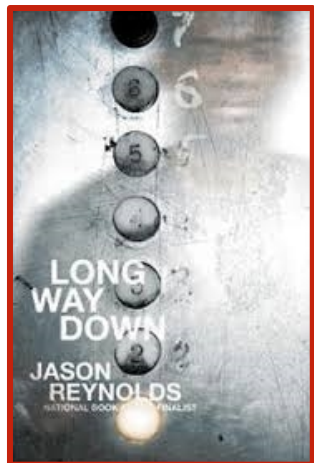
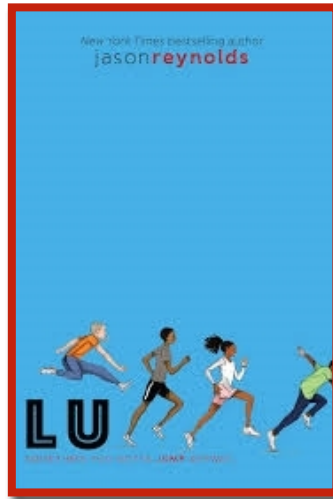
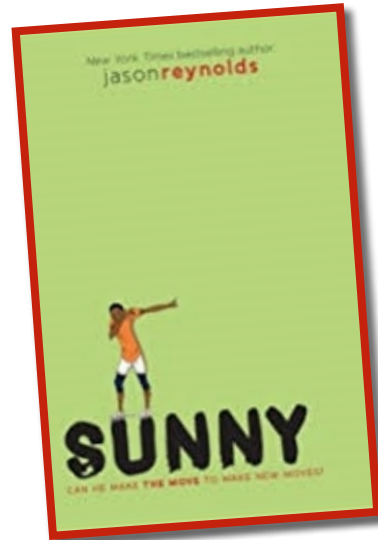
Jason Reynolds – *Coming Late to Reading*

LONG WAY DOWN BY JASON REYNOLDS



[Jason Reynolds reads aloud from *Long Way Down*](#)

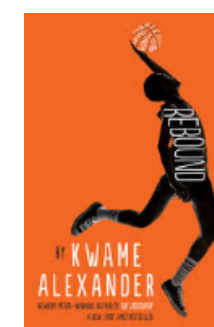
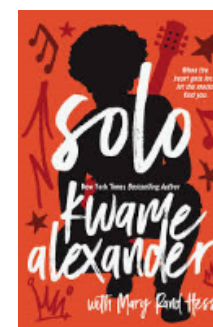
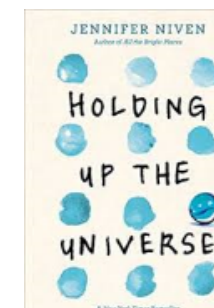
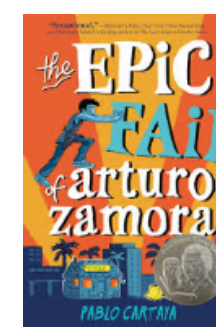
MORE TITLES BY JASON REYNOLDS!



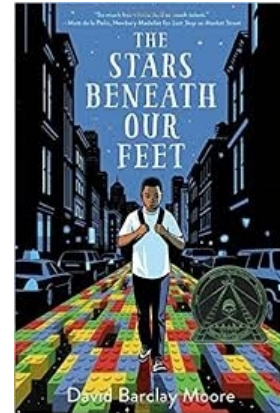
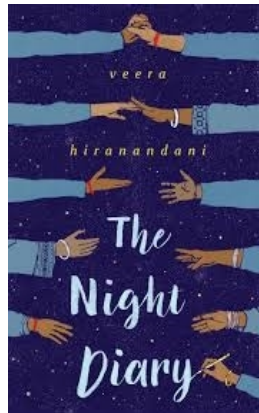
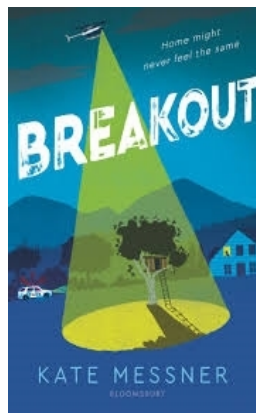
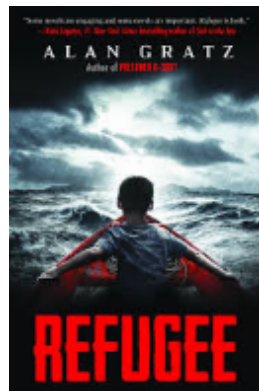


WHY PROMOTE DIVERSE BOOKS?

- Some of our students need these books as mirrors; to feel validated in their identity or see someone like them depicted in a book, possibly for the first time
- Some of our students need these books as mirrors; to see what life is like for someone who is different from them to build empathy and understanding
- Our schools and communities represent a variety of cultures, lifestyles, and backgrounds. Each student should see that we value who they are!



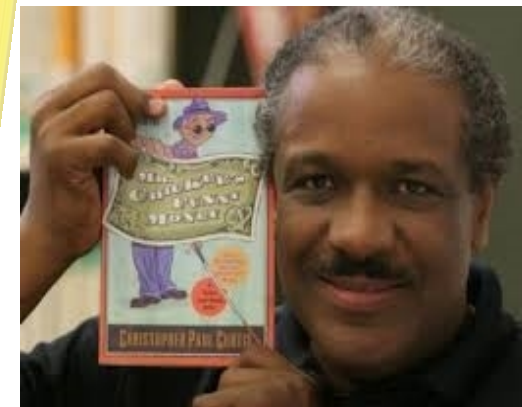
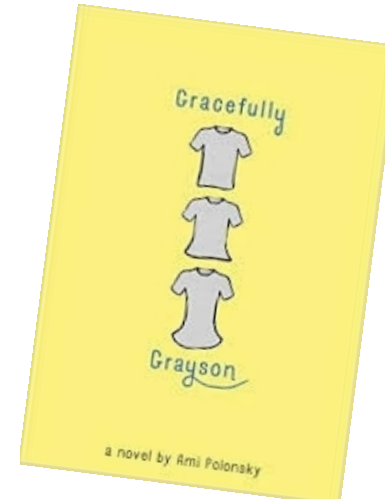
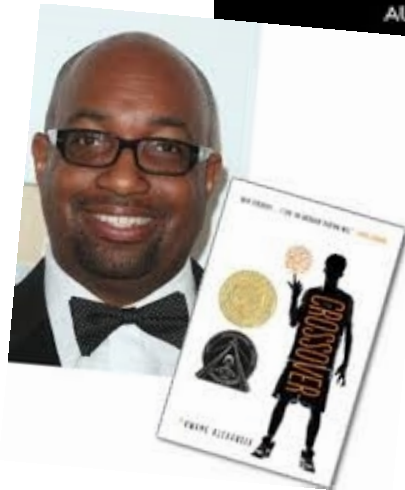
HOW DO I PROMOTE DIVERSE BOOKS?



- READ DIVERSE BOOKS!
- Be thoughtful when you make your book displays
- Book talk diverse books
- Use diverse titles for your book clubs or reading promotion titles
- Take a long hard look at what kind of titles you currently have. Are you missing certain groups of people? Use that information to drive your book orders
- Participate/promote months or holidays that celebrate a variety of cultures and people groups

DIVERSE TITLES & AUTHORS

Your students may share a personal connection with one of these authors or books!



WANT TO SPREAD BOOK DIVERSITY? CHECK OUT PROJECT LIT COMMUNITY!

Project LIT Book Club 2017-18 & 2018-19





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Titles Your Students
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