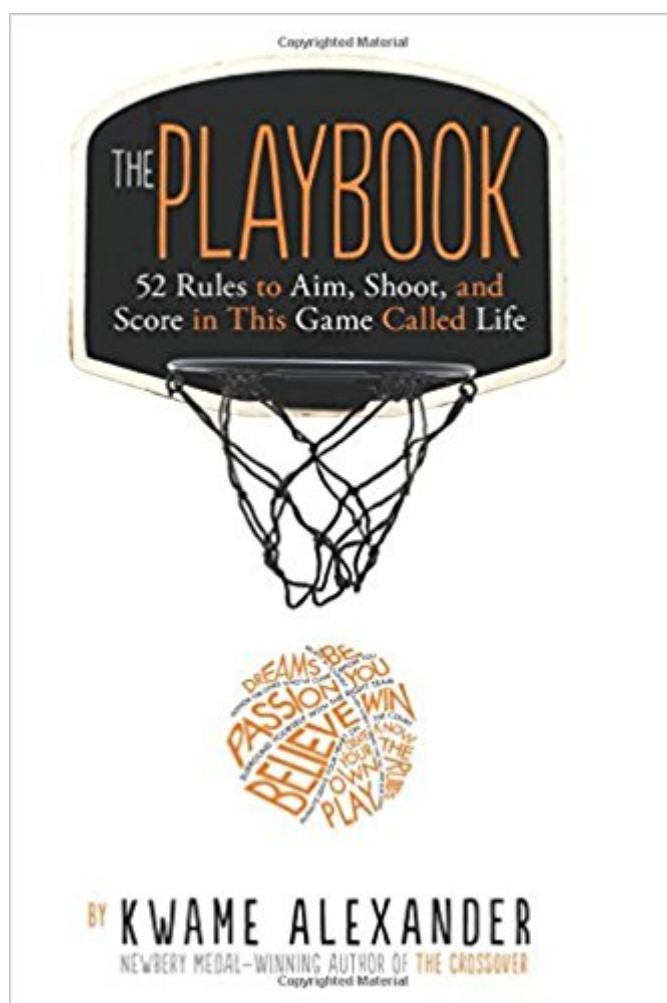


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# The Playbook: 52 Rules To Aim, Shoot, And Score In This Game Called Life



## Synopsis

A New York Times Bestseller! You gotta know the rules to play the game. Ball is life. Take it to the hoop. Soar. What can we imagine for our lives? What if we were the star players, moving and grooving through the game of life? What if we had our own rules of the game to help us get what we want, what we aspire to, what will enrich our lives? ã Illustrated with photographs by Thai Neave, The Playbook is intended to provide inspiration on the court of life. Each rule contains ã wisdom from inspiring athletes and role models such as Nelson Mandela, Serena Williams, LeBron James, Carli Lloyd, Steph Curry and Michelle Obama. Kwame Alexander also provides his own poetic and uplifting words, as he shares stories of overcoming obstacles and ã winning games in this motivational and inspirational book just right for graduates of any age and anyone needing a little encouragement.

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larger Rule #1. It takes skill to make the last shot, but it takes confidence to take it. -The Playbook by Kwame Alexander. Rule #16. You may not be a starter but always be a star in your mind ready to shine at any time. -The Playbook by Kwame Alexander. Rule #3. The size

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I don't focus on what I'm up against. I focus on my goal and I try to ignore the rest.

-Venus Williams from The Playbook by Kwame Alexander.

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Practice creates

confidence. Confidence empowers you. -Simone Biles from The Playbook by Kwame Alexander.

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persistence. -Michelle Obama from The Playbook by Kwame Alexander. Excellence is the

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•Publishers Weekly  
"The advice never feels

heavy-handed, and the author's voice shines through... This will appeal to fans of

Alexander's previous middle-grade novels as well as young sports fans."  
•Kirkus  
"Alexander uses sports as a metaphor for life in this earnest gathering of personal

reminiscences."  
•Booklist

Kwame Alexander is a poet, educator, and New York Times best-selling author of 21 books,

including Booked and The Crossover, which received the 2015 John Newbery Medal for the Most

Distinguished Contribution to American literature for Children, the Coretta Scott King Author Award

Honor, The NCTE Charlotte Huck Honor, the Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award, and the Paterson

Poetry Prize. Kwame writes for children of all ages. His other works include Surf's Up, a

picture book, Crush: Love Poems for Teenagers, and He Said She Said, a YA novel. He lives with

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SportsCenter Anchor for ESPN and now works as a freelance photographer and

journalist. He currently resides between Los Angeles and Sydney. You can follow his

work at: <http://instagram.com/shootinghoops>

Very motivating and inspiring. The short snippets paired with quotes remind students that writing can look more than just an essay. Kwame is a class favorite!

My students love this book, it is never on the shelf. After one student reads it, another one is waiting.

It was a much appreciated gift for a student going off to middle school.

Excellence!

If you're a teacher and try to instill a growth mindset in your kids, this book is a MUST!

I no longer deal with young people but I liked the poetry. It is a good way for young people to remember with ideas.

It says it like it is in life. A great guide for young children trying to develop skills in all aspects of life. Great metaphors.

My son loved this book!

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