



***Yesterday is History* by Kosoko Jackson**

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\*Age Range: 14-18 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: Gr 8 Up (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

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**BOOK SYNOPSIS**

***Dear Martin* meets *More Happy Than Not* in this story of a contemporary gay teen who begins traveling through time and must choose between a boy from the past and the boy in his future**

Andre Cobb hopes his luck is finally turning around. After being sick for as long as he can remember, he's finally gotten a liver transplant. But days after the operation, he feels shaky and ill, passes out, and wakes up in a different time. He soon realizes he's slipped through time, back to the 1960s. There he meets, Michael, who Andre feels an instant connection with.

But just as suddenly as he arrived, Andre slips back to present-day Boston. As he tries to figure out if he's losing his mind, the family of his donor reaches out to let him know his new liver may have side effects... of the time travel variety. They task their youngest son, Blake, with the job of helping Andre figure out the ins and outs of time travel. As the two work together, they also grow closer.

Torn between two boys, one in the past and one in the present, Andre has to figure out where he belongs. And the more he time travels, the more he learns about himself and just how far we have and haven't come.

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**REVIEWS AND PRAISE**

"A stellar novel that today's teens needed yesterday." —[Booklist, STARRED review](#)

"A skillful and engrossing time-travel adventure." —[Kirkus Reviews](#)

"Compelling and memorable...[a] gem of a novel." —*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

"In his YA debut, Jackson has a great gimmick as well as a likeable protagonist who faces sociocultural realities across time." —[Publishers Weekly](#)

"Charming and captivating, *Yesterday is History* will take you on a wild ride from the very first page. Jackson puts such a clever spin on time travel in this sweet, unputdownable love story." —Phil Stamper, bestselling author of *The Gravity of Us*

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"A clever and honestly brilliant novel, *Yesterday Is History* is an emotional journey through grief, healing, and the complicated beauty of young love. Kosoko Jackson delivers the conflicted, time-traveling hero queer boys have been hoping for." —Julian Winters, award-winning author of *Running With Lions*

"Gay romance + time travel! I really enjoyed this book—it was fast-paced, fun, and perfect" —Laurie Halse Anderson, *NYT* bestselling author of *Speak*

"An unputdownable read, *Yesterday is History* is a timely ode to the Black gay experience. Kosoko Jackson expertly delivers a real-life story about decisiveness and knowing oneself, wrapped in fantastical elements, interweaved with a wind-swept romance, all culminating in an undeniably stunning piece of art" —Cam Montgomery, author of *By Any Means Necessary*

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

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- One of PopSugar's Best New YA Novels of 2021
- A BuzzFeed Top LGBTQ+ YA Book
- A Lambda Literary YA Book to Add to Your TBR Pile
- A Goodreads Pride Month Pick
- 2021 Junior Library Guild Selection (JLG)
- 2022 Rainbow Book List for Young Adult Fiction
- 2022 Best Children's Books of the Year List
- 2022 Texas Library Association TAYSHAS Reading List
- 2022 Capitol Choices Noteworthy Books for Children and Teens Title

## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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- [A Quiet Pond interview with Kosoko Jackson](#)
- [Horn Book Talks with Roger Kosoko Jackson interview](#)

## RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

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## AUTHOR STATEMENT (OPTIONAL)

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### \*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

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A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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