



[Blood Sport](#) by Tash McAdam

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*Age Range: 12+

Grade Range: Gr 7 Up (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

In this high-interest accessible novel for teen readers, Jason is determined to find out the truth about his sister's death.

Jason is sure his sister, Becca, was murdered, but he's the only one who thinks so. After finding a photograph Becca kept hidden, he decides to infiltrate a boxing gym to prove that she didn't die accidentally. As a transgender kid, Jason's been fighting for as long as he can remember, and those skills are going to come in handy as he investigates. Quickly invited into the inner circle, Jason must balance newfound friendships with the burning hate that drives him. Jason soon feels torn between two worlds, determined to discover what happened to his sister but struggling with the fact that this is the first time he's ever felt like he belonged somewhere.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "This book checks all the boxes of a hi-lo text. It has an exciting hook, a modern teen worldview, and is at a lower reading level...A must-buy for libraries looking for diverse and compelling hi-lo books."—[School Library Journal](#), **starred review**

"This contemporary thriller offers suspense, intense sports competition, and a fast-paced plot leading to a resolution that emphasizes chosen family and inner-community support...A gripping mystery for reluctant readers."—[Kirkus Reviews](#)

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Junior Library Guild (JLG) Gold Standard Selection, Commended, 2020
- American Library Association (ALA) Rainbow Book List, **Commended, 2021**
- Young Adult Library Services Association (YASLA) Quick Picks, **Commended, 2021**

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

Blood Sport [Teachers' Guide](#)

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

ACLU of Texas [Response to North East Independent School District Book Removals](#)

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

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.