



***Crossover* by Jeff Rud**

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\*Age Range: 9–12 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: Gr 4–7

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

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Fifteen-year-old Kyle Evans has been a jock for years—a triple-threat basketball player who can dribble, pass or shoot with considerable skill.

But once he decides to try out for the school musical production at Sainsbury High, Kyle finds there is much more to life than hightops and hookshots. Conflicting priorities cause problems between Kyle and his coaches, teachers, teammates and friends. And when his buddy Lukas becomes the target of homophobic hatred, Kyle is left with some difficult choices to make.

This short novel is a high-interest, low-reading level book for middle-grade readers who are building reading skills, want a quick read or say they don't like to read! The epub edition of this title is fully accessible.

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

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- Resource Links, The Year's Best Books, **Commended, 2008**
- American Library Association (ALA) Rainbow Book List, **Commended, 2009**
- Canadian Children's Book Centre (CCBC) Best Books for Kids & Teens, **Commended, 2009**

## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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*Crossover* [Teachers' Guide](#)

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## RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

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[Florida Censorship Attempts list](#) from the Florida Freedom to Read Project, verdict: no impact

### \*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.