



Summer Reading 2023

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For Every One by *Jason Reynolds*

For Every One is exactly that: for every one. For every one person. For every one who has a dream. But especially for every kid. The kids who dream of being better than they are. Kids who dream of doing more than they almost dare to imagine. Kids who are like Jason Reynolds, a self-professed dreamer. Jason wants kids to know that dreams take time. They involve countless struggles. But no matter how many times a dreamer gets beat down, the drive and the passion and the hope never fully extinguish—because just having the dream is the start you need, or you won't get anywhere anyway, and that is when you have to take a leap of faith.

Explore & Write



In *For Every One*, Jason Reynolds writes a letter in the form of a poem. Watch the video listed below and explore writing your own poetry at bit.ly/ocpseveryonereads

- **Watch:** PBS Learning Media
 - Art is Our Superpower
- **Write:**
 - Write an "Art is..." poem
 - Write a superpower letter



The Inspiration

At 25, Jason Reynolds wrote this letter to himself. Feeling defeated and thinking about giving up writing, he pours his emotions and trials into *For Every One*.

Watch his passionate and insightful performance at

bit.ly/ocpseveryonereads



Create Successful Reading Habits

Turn reading into something special.

- Plan a visit to the public library to get a library card.
- Read with a friend or loved one to make it a shared experience.
- Share your thoughts by writing a book review in Beanstack.
- Keep a reading journal.
- Remember to log your minutes in Beanstack to enter our Summer Reading Celebration prize drawings.

Ask Questions and Make Connections

Pause to ask questions as you read the book. Make connections to your life, other books, and the world around you.

Before

- The title of this poem is *For Every One*. What do you think it will be about?
- Look at the front cover of the book. What do you think "A poem. A nod. A nothing to lose." means?

During

- In "A Note" before chapter 1, Jason Reynolds calls this "a letter to myself to keep from quitting." What strategy do you use to keep going when you are feeling afraid, discouraged, or full of doubt?
- In Chapter 3, the author writes, "Dreams don't have timelines, deadlines, and aren't always straight lines." What does this mean and do you agree?

After

- What is your dream?
- What parts of Jason Reynold's letter did you relate to?

Create an Award for Yourself



What type of award would you give to yourself? What would it be called? What is the criteria to receive it? Go to bit.ly/ocpseveryonereads to see Jason Reynolds describe his award.

Keep Reading

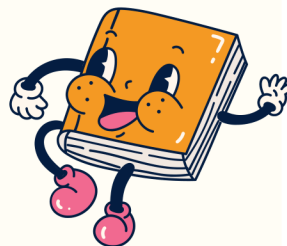
If you liked this book, you might also enjoy the titles below which are available on **LaunchPad** in **Sora**.

Also by Jason Reynolds:

- *Ain't Burned All the Bright*

By other authors:

- *Clap When You Land* by Elizabeth Acevedo
- *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander



Did you know that reading just 20 minutes a day will enrich your vocabulary by 1.8 million words.



Vocabulary Scavenger Hunt

Be on the lookout for these words. If necessary, look them up on dictionary.com or use the context clues in the sentence to infer what the word means.

Chapters 1

- expertise
- tangible
- tilling
- consideration
- respite

Chapters 2

- irreverent
- oppressive
- yearning
- whet

Chapters 3

- preserve
- colicky

Chapters 4

- ramble