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# My Name Is Jason. Mine Too.: Our Story. Our Way.



## Synopsis

Our story. Our way. A poetAn artistOne blackOne whiteTwo voicesOne journey

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Starred Review. Grade 9 Up. One Jason is a poet and the other an artist. One is black and one is white. Heavy on dreams and light on cash, the aspiring young men move to Brooklyn, eating cereal and fried tuna while writing and painting wherever and whenever they can. Dancing the line between novel-in-verse and poetry collection, this autobiographical collaboration riffs on staying true to oneself, cultivating creative genius, taking risks, friendship, and becoming adults. The verse and dynamic artwork are simultaneously playful and desperate, but always expressive and fresh. The two are so tightly intertwined that one feeds off the other, adding layers of meaning for readers to peel away. Though this book will undoubtedly find broad appeal, because the Jasons set out on this journey in their early 20s, it may speak most directly to older teens starting to grapple with some of the same issues. If not for visual appeal or immediacy of tone and theme, teens will love the speed at which this unique book can be read. One thing is for certain—they will clamor for Griffin and Reynolds's next collaboration. —Jill Heritage Maza, Greenwich High School, CT END

A poetAn artistOne blackOne whiteTwo voicesOne journeyJason Reynolds & Jason Griffin are superheroes.

Good book. Short and sweet. Sad at times, but it will make you smile.

This is a fabulous book not only for young people but for all ages. It's creatively done to tie the story to the art like "drilling down" on the internet.

This is a great book! These dudes are definitely original and talented. The book served as a great source of inspiration in my own field.

A paintbrush and a pen come together to depict a vividly real portrait of the lives of two Jasons, living in New York City, trying to make their dreams come true. They struggle, surviving on nothing but cereal, coffee, and their friendship - the poems Jason writes and the pictures Jason paints illustrate the journey of two friends (and two fellow artists) working together to ultimately achieve their common goal (though they know they must also be able to make it from one day to the next). Each poem that Jason writes, Jason illustrates, in a way that allows the reader to get both of their perspectives - but at the same time, they can be seen as one entity. This book gave fascinating insight into the lives of two very daring people. The two Jasons are brave - brave enough to stop halfway down one path, and switch to one that is totally different. They do not do what is expected of them from others, but what they expect of themselves. Although the book itself is not very long, it was clearly written over a long period of time and took lots of effort. Jason and Jason truly managed to create a window into their lives through their work. This was an all-around enjoyable book, providing the reader with both great art and a great story. You'll laugh, you'll cry... You'll recommend it to all your friends. Reviewed by: Margaret Waterman

These emerging artistic powerhouses have really achieved something truly special. This is a thoroughly original work. The pros and forms are expertly matched and the chemistry between the two artists leaps from the pages. I certainly hope to see much more from this brilliant coalition. Cheers!

An amazing compilation of artwork. I was thoroughly impressed. The way the words and graphics seemed to grab your attention made me feel part of their story. An absolutely remarkable piece. I highly recommend this book. I look forward to more works by Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Griffin!!

This book is a must in so many cases. Jason writes sometimes so little, and it encases so much. Jason paints in layers and creates a canvas out of everyday things we take for

granted. Professors should use this in class.

This book is great! I just got it yesterday started reading & didn't put it down until I was finished. Wonderful Poetry, Great Art work! I can't wait until the next book comes out so I can snatch it up!

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