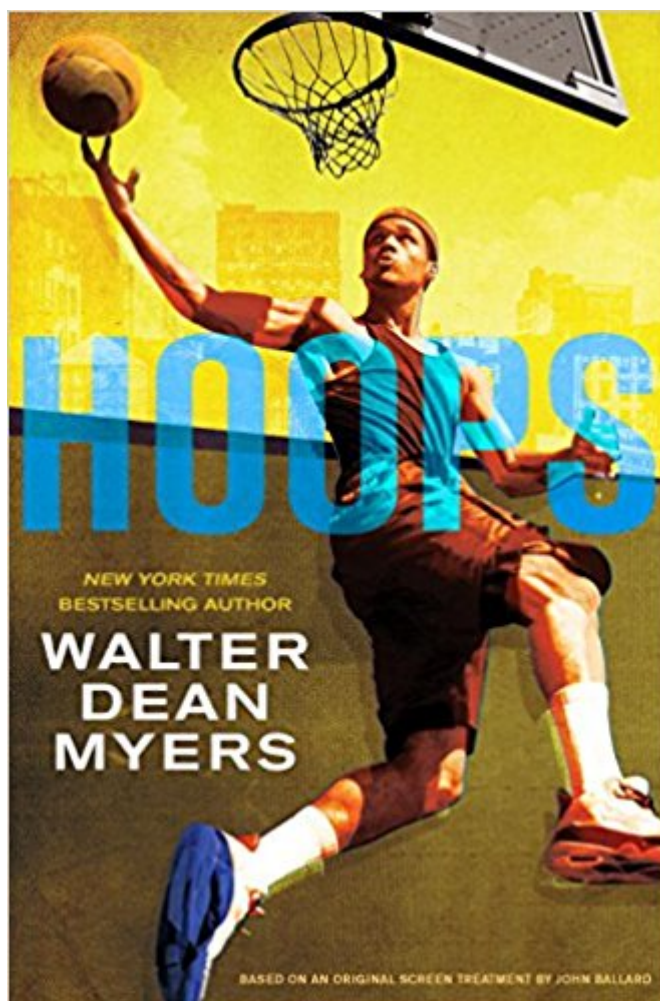


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# Hoops



## Synopsis

An ALA-YALSA Best Book for Young AdultsNew Bonus Content:-Q&A with Walter Dean Myers-Q&A with screenwriter John Ballard-Teaser chapter from *On a Clear Day*-Excerpt from *145th Street*All eyes are on seventeen-year-old Lonnie Jackson while he practices with his team for a city-wide basketball Tournament of Champions. His coach, Cal, knows Lonnie has what it takes to be a pro basketball player, but warns him about giving in to the pressure. Cal knows because he, too, once had the chance to go pro but sold out.As the tournament nears, Lonnie learns that some heavy bettors want Cal to keep him on the bench so that the team will lose the championship. As the last seconds of the game tick away, Lonnie and Cal must make a decision. Are they willing to blow the chance of a lifetime?

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My son is reading! Glad I was able to find something he was interested in!

Read for summer reading. Not my normal reading but it was very good.

I ordered this book for a report my son was doing. Great price and I received the book on time.

Classic book by one of the greats!

My son loved the book and asked for more.

I have never watched this movie

Hoops, by Walter Dean Myers is a fast paced, action packed, fictional novel that focuses on Lonnie's love for basketball; as he lives in a dangerous environment. In the story, Lonnie because he lives in a dangerous environment he acts in which other people in his area are doing; which in his case is negative. For example, there was a part of the story when teenagers were stealing cargo from a truck, while the driver was inside a store talking to someone; when Lonnie saw this happen he decided to do it as well. This tells me that Lonnie is following the people that think they are above the law. Not only is their negative characters and plots in this novel, but there is also positive as well; like the character Cal One reason why he brings a positive plot because, Cal was a amazing professional basketball player, but then one day he made a horrible mistake that ruined his career and banned him from playing in the NBA anymore. With this memory of what messed up his life he

tries to help Lonnie not make the same mistake he made. Hoops doesn't just have unique plots, it also has conflicts that will continue through the whole story. An example of this is when, the story first tells the readers about someone who made the deal with Cal, that messed up his life and career and his name was Tyrone. Later on we find out that Tyrone was trying to do the same thing to Lonnie; at the end the conflict between Cal and Tyrone becomes so violent and negative that Tyrone at the end kills Cal, but luckily Tyrone goes to jail at the end. So in my opinion hoops is a great book that has a fast paced plot, and great characters, i recommend this book to people who like basketball and action packed books.

While this book is a quick read, it is a mediocre book at best. I'm certainly no literary expert so maybe I miss something of literary merit that makes this book special, but for an average reader like me, it was simply a book to read because I had nothing better to do. Unfortunately, reading the summary of the book gives nearly everything away, taking most of the fun away from reading the book. Additionally, in what could have been said in 10 words, Walter Dean Myers says in 50 words with several repetitive phrases throughout. All to say, if you're looking for a book to get you excited about reading or basketball look elsewhere.

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