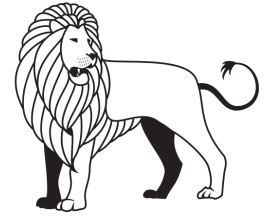
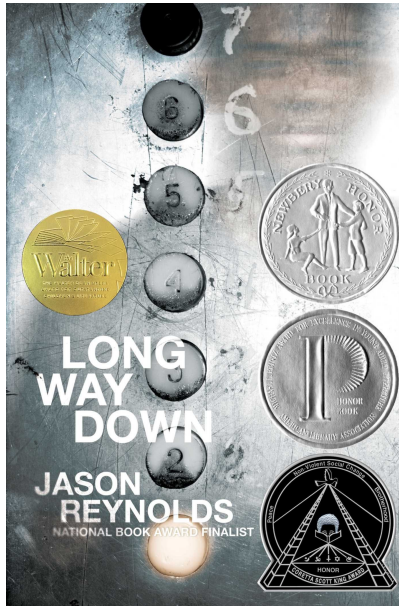


Dulaney High School
Standard English 9 & Honors English 9
Summer Reading 2021



All students enrolled in 9th grade English are assigned to read **Long Way Down** by Jason Reynolds, available at Amazon, libraries, and as a free PDF at the following link :

<https://cpb-us-e1.wpmucdn.com/cobblelearning.net/dist/6/5054/files/2020/03/longwaydownpdf.pdf>.



About Long Way Down:

A Newbery Honor Book
A Coretta Scott King Honor Book
A Printz Honor Book
A *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize Winner for Young Adult Literature
Longlisted for the National Book Award for Young People's Literature
Winner of the Walter Dean Myers Award
An Edgar Award Winner for Best Young Adult Fiction
Parents' Choice Gold Award Winner
An *Entertainment Weekly* Best YA Book of 2017
A *Vulture* Best YA Book of 2017
A *Buzzfeed* Best YA Book of 2017

Synopsis from Common Sense Media:

"Will has known about The Rules for a long time. No one he knows invented them, they've just always existed: No Crying, No Snitching, Get Revenge. When his big brother

Shawn is killed, Will knows what he has to do -- he has to follow The Rules, right? The 60-second trip down the elevator from his apartment to the killer is among the longest of his life. When his past offers a different perspective on The Rules, Will has to make a tough decision: Will he go through with it?"

Content Advisory

This novel explores themes related to loss and gun violence, and includes infrequent strong language. Parents and guardians are encouraged to review and discuss these topics with their children. Questions can be directed to Dr. Jason Bowman, English chair at jbowman2@bcps.org.

Assignment: As you read, take notes on at least **TEN** quotes from the novel that you personally connect to or consider to be important or profound. You are encouraged to record page numbers whenever possible. Be prepared to turn in your notes and write a personal reflection essay during the first week(s) of school examining the book and your personal reactions to its content and characters.