***Ghost***

By Jason Reynold

### **Annotation:**

Running. That's all that Castle Cranshaw aka Ghost has ever known. But never for a track team. His game has always been ball. But when Ghost impulsively challenges an elite sprinter to a race -- and wins -- the Olympic medalist track coach sees he has something: natural talent. The thing is, Ghost has something else: a lot of anger, and a past that he is trying to outrun. Can Ghost harness his talent for speed and mesh with the team, or will his past finally catch up to him?

**Book Talk:**

Running. Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons—it all started with running away from his father. Since then, Ghost has been the one causing problems—and running away from them—until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medalist who sees something in Ghost: natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him?

**Book Trailers:**

* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahY5VcB81rc>

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### Items to use in a library d**isplay**

* running shoes
* books about track
* shoe box
* sunflower seeds
* a whistle
* a trophy

**Book Club Discussion Questions/Topics:**

* <http://www.simonandschuster.com/books/Ghost/Jason-Reynolds/Track/9781481450164/reading_group_guide>

**First Line of the Book:**

* “CHECK THIS OUT.”

**Non-Fiction Companion Title(s):**

* *Fastest Woman in the world* by Pat Parker
* *The Perfect Mile: Three Athletes, One Goal, and Less Than Four Minutes to Achieve It* by Neil Bascomb

**What to read next:**

* *Rebound* by Kwame Alexander
* *Crossover* by Kwame Alexander

Other Books by this Author:

* *All American Boys (YA)*
* *Patina*
* *Long Way Down*
* *Miles Morales: Spideer-Man*

**Additional Resources**

* Poetry: <https://www.poemhunter.com/poems/running/>
* Art/craft activity: Paint an old pair of sneakers in a image of yourself

Create a vision board

Fill a sneaker box with things that represent yourself

* Interview with the author: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfxjNwYc6Co>
* <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/video/145225/how-poetry-can-help-kids-turn-a-fear-of-literature-into-love>
* Book Study: <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?a=1&aid=22344&s=n&a2=1>

**Name that Book:**

* **“**It was three years ago when my dad lost it.” pg 5 HB
* **“**When everyone had taken a turn, the coach started over and gave everybody chance to give it another go to see if they could beat their first time.” pg 15 HB
* **“**Once she found out, Janine said I was disgusting and stopped talking to me. So I punched Damon in the stomach.” pg 39HB
* **“** I know it seems like this was the best suspension day maybe in history.” pg 52HB
* **“** When I got there, Mr. Charles was talking to ta deliveryman. He signed a piece of paper-one of those three-in-one papers-and a guy i ndusty blue overalls ripped the pink one from the bottom an dgave it to Mr. Charles.” pg 88 HB