

Shot Clock by Caron Butler and Justin A. Reynolds - Official Manual

INTRODUCTION TO SHOT CLOCK

Shot Clock is the first book in a new middle grade series, co-authored by former NBA All-Star Caron Butler and acclaimed author Justin A. Reynolds. The narrative centers on a young boy named Tony, who is navigating the challenges of making his mark on an AAU basketball team. The story explores themes of loss, healing, community, and the pursuit of success.

Tony's journey begins after the tragic death of his best friend, Dante, a basketball prodigy. Tony aims to honor Dante's legacy by joining the Sabres, the team Dante led to two national championships. Although Tony does not initially make the team as a player, Coach James, a former NBA star, recognizes his potential and offers him a role as the team statistician. This position allows Tony to find a path to healing and contribute to the team's pursuit of a championship amidst community challenges.

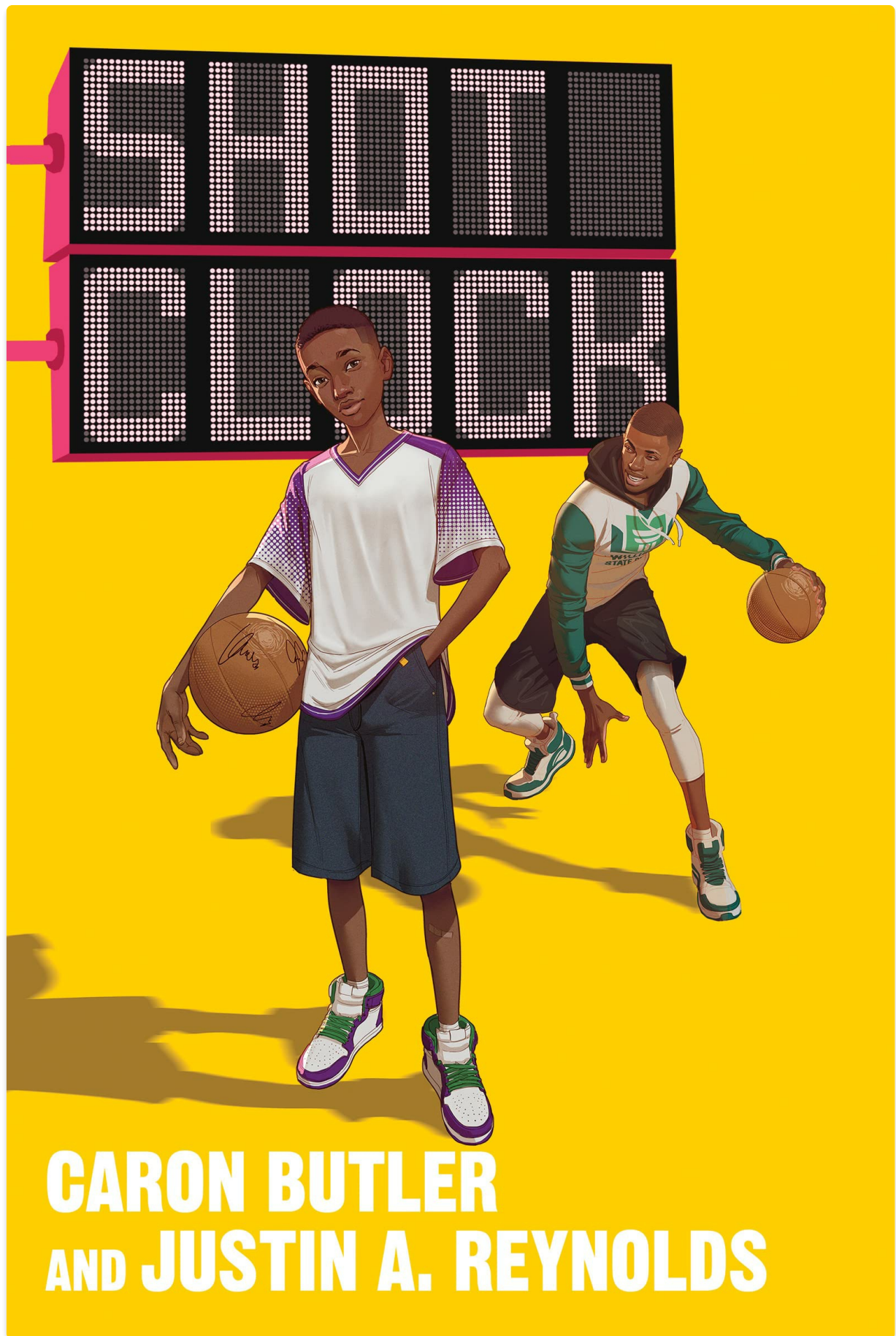


Image: The hardcover book cover for 'Shot Clock'. It features a vibrant yellow background with two young basketball players. The title 'SHOT CLOCK' is displayed prominently in a digital scoreboard font. The authors' names, Caron Butler and Justin A. Reynolds, are visible at the bottom.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Caron Butler is a former two-time NBA All-Star who played for fourteen seasons. He currently serves as an assistant coach for the Miami Heat and has previously worked as a TV commentator for ESPN, NBC, TNT, and NBA TV. Butler is also an entrepreneur, philanthropist, and activist, known for creating the Butler Elite Basketball Program and the 3D foundation. His memoir, *Tuff Juice: My Journey from the Streets to the NBA*, was published in 2016.

Justin A. Reynolds is an acclaimed author. His debut YA novel, *Opposite of Always*, was an Indies Introduce selection and a School Library Journal Best Book. His second YA novel, *Early Departures*, was a Kirkus Reviews Best YA Book of the Year. Reynolds also co-founded the CLE Reads Book Festival, a Cleveland book festival for middle grade and young adult writers.

EXPLORING THE NARRATIVE

Shot Clock offers a compelling story for middle-grade readers, focusing on themes of resilience, community support, and finding purpose. The narrative delves into difficult discussions surrounding loss and trauma, particularly through Tony's experience with his friend's death. Readers will find an engaging plot centered around basketball, friendship, and the importance of mentorship.

The book highlights how individuals can contribute to a team and community even when their initial aspirations change. Tony's role as a statistician demonstrates that success can be achieved in various forms, emphasizing the value of dedication and finding one's unique strengths. The story is designed to be both entertaining and thought-provoking, encouraging young readers to consider themes of justice, inequality, and personal growth.

BOOK SPECIFICATIONS

- **Publisher:** HarperCollins
- **Publication Date:** September 6, 2022
- **Language:** English
- **Print Length:** 304 pages
- **ISBN-10:** 0063069598
- **ISBN-13:** 978-0063069596
- **Item Weight:** 13.6 ounces
- **Dimensions:** 5.5 x 1.01 x 8.25 inches
- **Reading Age:** 8 - 12 years
- **Grade Level:** 3 - 7

RELATED WORKS AND SERIES

Shot Clock is the first book in a two-book series. Readers interested in similar themes or the authors' other works may explore:

- **Series:** Book 1 of 2: *Shot Clock*
- **By Caron Butler:** *Tuff Juice: My Journey from the Streets to the NBA*
- **By Justin A. Reynolds:** *Opposite of Always*, *Early Departures*, *Miles Morales: Shock Waves*

SUPPORT AND INQUIRIES

For any questions regarding the content of *Shot Clock*, or for general inquiries about HarperCollins

publications, please visit the official HarperCollins website or contact their customer service department. Specific contact information can typically be found on the publisher's website or within the book's introductory pages.

RETURN POLICY

This book is subject to standard retail return policies. If purchased directly from Amazon, returns are generally accepted within 30 days of receipt, provided the item is in its original condition. For purchases from other retailers, please consult their specific return policies. Defective or damaged copies may be eligible for replacement or refund as per the retailer's terms.