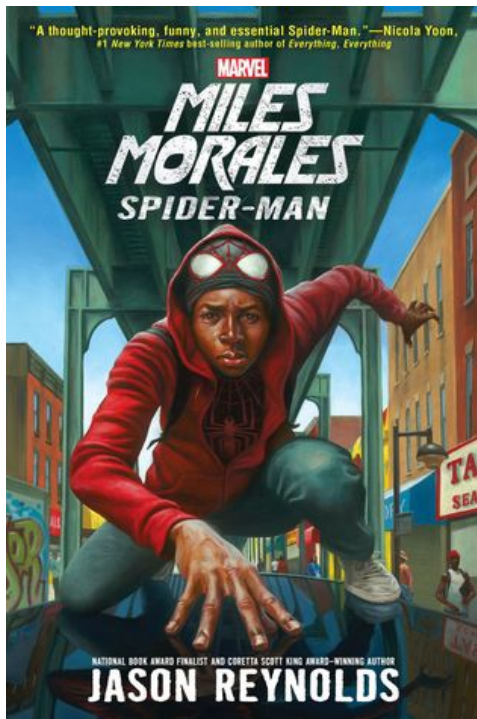




"Miles Morales is just your average teenager. Dinner every Sunday with his parents, chilling out playing old-school video games with his best friend, Ganke, crushing on brainy, beautiful poet Alicia. He's even got a scholarship spot at the prestigious Brooklyn Visions Academy. Oh yeah, and he's Spider Man.

But lately, Miles's spidey-sense has been on the fritz. When a misunderstanding leads to his suspension from school, Miles begins to question his abilities. After all, his dad and uncle were Brooklyn jack-boys with criminal records. Maybe kids like Miles aren't meant to be superheroes. Maybe Miles should take his dad's advice and focus on saving himself.

As Miles tries to get his school life back on track, he can't shake the vivid nightmares that continue to haunt him. Nor can he avoid the relentless buzz of his spidey-sense every day in history class, amidst his teacher's lectures on the historical "benefits" of slavery and the importance of the modern-day prison system. But after his scholarship is threatened, Miles uncovers a chilling plot, one that puts his friends, his neighborhood, and himself at risk.

It's time for Miles to suit up." (Amazon Summary)



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Mrs. Petrin's Review ★★★★★
Another homerun for Jason Reynolds!!

Miles Morales is an all-around, everyday kid trying to better himself, which should be lauded, but all his history teacher, Mr. Chamberlain, can do is set him up for disaster and cut him down every chance he gets. Even Miles's Spidey powers can't help him when it comes to his subversive history teacher or when Miles is trying to express his feelings to his love interest, Alycia. Can Miles solve his problem with Chamberlain, clear his name, and finally let Alycia know that he likes her?

Jason Reynolds knows how to weave a masterful story and does so again here in the Marvel Universe. Not being a Marvel fan, I came in expecting a formulaic novel too full of Spiderman and was so pleased to read a well crafted, well-thought out novel with Spiderman as the medium. I hope there is a sequel in the future!