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# Editor's Note

Dear KidlioMag Readers,

February is a month filled with love, learning, and celebration. As we turn the pages of this edition, we invite you to embrace the spirit of Valentine's Day—a time to share kindness, friendship, and joy with the people who make our lives brighter. Love isn't just about hearts and chocolates; it's about caring for one another, showing empathy, and spreading positivity in our homes, schools, and communities.

This month also holds a very special place in history: Black History Month. It's a time to honor the incredible contributions, courage, and creativity of Black leaders, artists, scientists, and everyday heroes who have shaped the world we live in. Their stories remind us of the power of resilience, the importance of equality, and the beauty of diversity.

In this issue, you'll find heartwarming Valentine's crafts, stories of friendship, and inspiring features that highlight voices from Black history. We hope these pages encourage you to celebrate love in all its forms and to learn from the past as we build a kinder, brighter future together.

Let's make February a month of love, respect, and inspiration.

Happy Valentine's Day

**Dhruvin Dharmendra**

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# The Underground Hounds

## THE UNDERGROUND HOUNDS



by Doreen Pullo-Fleisch  
illustrated by Deri JoeLiandri

Henry's favorite ball has gone missing, and he's on a mission to find a new one! Join Henry and his best friend Frankie on a thrilling adventure through the bustling city of London. As the two hounds ride the Underground, they navigate crowded platforms and race through the rain to reach a big city store where Henry hopes to find his ball.

As they travel, Henry and Frankie encounter a new friend and learn the importance of kindness, sharing, and friendship. Told through charming rhymes, The Underground Hounds is a delightful tale that will captivate young readers.

Will Henry find his ball? And what surprises await them on their journey? Find out in this heartwarming story that is perfect for children who love adventure, trains, and stories about friendship.

available at  
**amazon**

**Q: Tell me about yourself.**

I was born in Brooklyn, New York and lived there for many years. Now I live in the state of New Jersey. I am married and have three adult daughters. I am a former nurse and have a BA degree from SUNY New Paltz. I currently teach online English classes to both international and American students. Some of the children that I tutor have learning disabilities and I assist them to improve their Reading skills. The Underground Hounds is my third children's book. My beloved beagle, Henry is featured in two of my books.

**Q: How and when did your journey start as a writer?**

My writing journey began in high school. I wrote some articles for the school newspaper. As an online instructor, I read many books to my students. I realized that it would be a good idea to create my own book and teach it to the children. One day, I had an idea regarding my experience with my dog, Henry. That idea led to the creation of my first children's book.

**Q: When did you write your first story? Is it published or not?**

I started writing my first story in 2022 and it was published in 2023.

**Q: Tell us something more about your books.**

I enjoy writing books that include animals because they are so relatable to children. In 2023 I self-published "Henry Helps a Friend." The theme of the story will remind children to be kind and always try to help a friend. In 2024 I self-published "The Masterful Mallard." The theme of the story is about having the courage to be kind to others even if they rejected you. The book also gives attention to the attitude of prejudice. Next, "The Underground Hounds" was self-published in 2025. Its theme teaches generosity, kindness, and friendship.

**Q: How did these stories and characters come to your mind?**

The idea for my first book came from a time when my dog, Henry, was afraid to go to the vet. For the next book, I spent some time at a duck pond observing a mallard. I proceeded to create a story that would teach a lesson about prejudice. My most recent book was based on the memory of traveling to London and riding the subway train.

**Q: Do you want to leave any messages for your readers?**

I want to leave positive messages about facing fears, embracing diversity, and the importance of empathy, acceptance, and kindness.



**Doreen  
Pullo-Fleisch**

# Valentine I SPY





# Joseph L. Licari

Q: First, tell us something about yourself.

I am a children's author and music instructor and live in a wonderful community in Long Island, New York. After a more traditional career, I retired in 2023 to fully embrace my calling in creative writing and music education. I'm a father of three grown daughters, a guitar and keyboard instructor, and an active member of our local writing community.

Q: How and when did your journey start as a writer?

I've always enjoyed reading and writing. In my corporate career, I did quite a bit of it — writing marketing copy for new products, sales training tools, customer presentations, and articles for trade magazines. My journey truly accelerated in 2023 when I stepped away from that world to focus on my creative passions and a desire to give back to others. Whether coaching on a field or teaching in a music studio, I noticed that children thrive when complex ideas are presented with humor and rhythm. That realization led me to create my first book, *Mia's Mouses*.

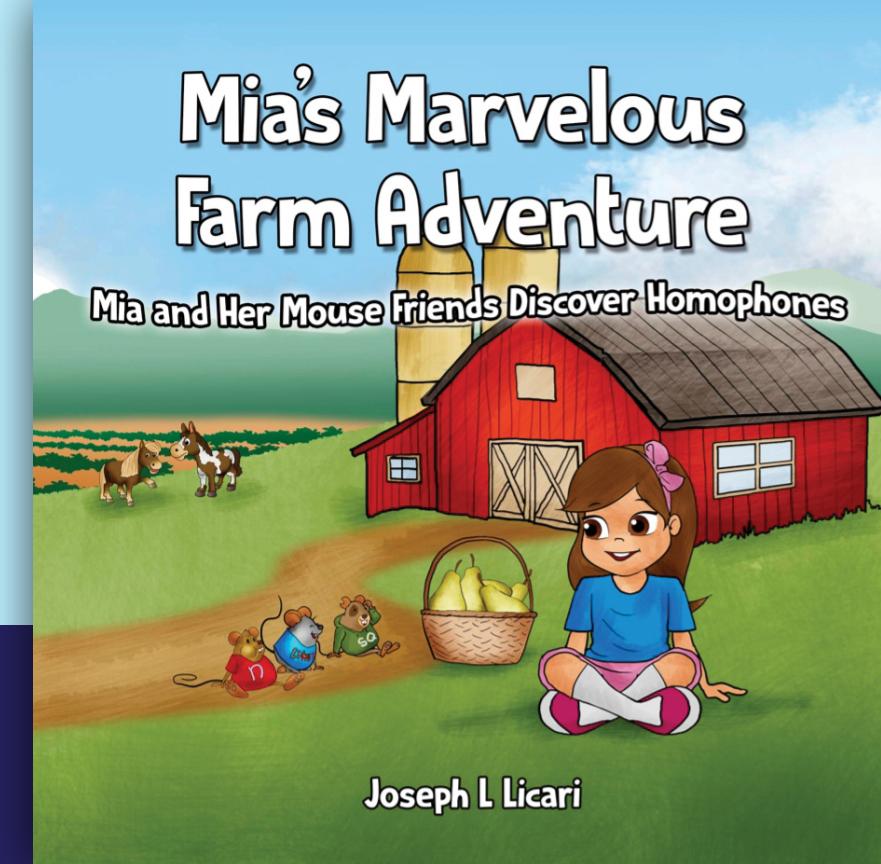
[www.miasmouses.com](http://www.miasmouses.com)  
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# Mia's Marvelous Farm Adventure

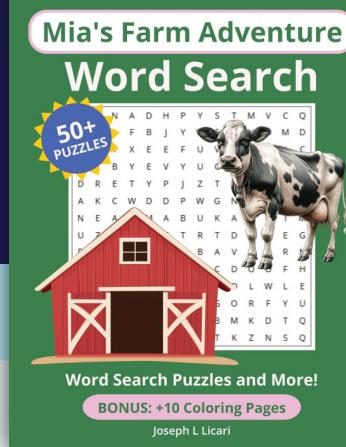
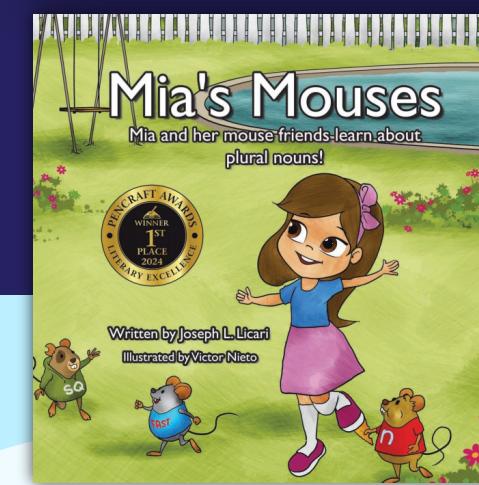
## Mia And Her Mouse Friends Discover Homophones

Join Mia and her sister Pia as they explore the wonders of a small local farm, along with their charming mouse companions—Squeaky, Nibbles, and Speedy. Learning meets laughter as they discover the magic of homophones and learn about words that sound alike but have different meanings. Children and young readers will laugh along with these charming characters as they giggle over pairs of pears, a hoarse horse and even a bare baby bear!

Like the award-winning *Mia's Mouses*, the first book in the series, *Mia's Marvelous Farm Adventure* promises to enchant young readers, sparking a lifelong love of reading and storytelling. A must-have for every child's library.



Joseph L. Licari



Q: You're also a music instructor. How does your background in music influence the "rhythm" of your storytelling?

Great question. They both have their roots in creativity, and in many ways, music and writing are two sides of the same coin for me. For example, when I teach guitar, I'm teaching students about the fundamentals—notes, chords, and scales—but I'm also teaching phrasing, tempo, and rhythm. Even more important is the feeling or interpretation you bring to the music.

So, I naturally bring that same ear to my writing. I want my rhymes to have a natural swing that makes them easy for a parent to read aloud, yet catchy enough for a child to remember. I want the reader to feel the characters and the movement of the story. If a verse doesn't have a good beat, I keep refining it until it sings.

Q: How do you ensure that your characters feel relatable and authentic to your young readers?

I think my authenticity comes from capturing that genuine spark of curiosity and the honest mistakes kids make while learning something new. Like calling a group of mice, "mouses". My character, Mia, isn't perfect yet she's not afraid to explore new things every day. By letting her be curious and even a little silly, young readers see themselves in her. Her relationship with her friends Squeaky, Nibbles and Speedy is also very genuine and she wants to share what she learns with them. The story's humor and rhyme really help keep the tone light and fun too!

Q: Tell us something more about your books.

I'm a firm believer in discovery-based learning. In my books, the educational elements are woven into the heart of the story, allowing young readers to stumble upon new concepts naturally. In *Mia's Mouses*, children aren't just memorizing grammar, they are discovering mice instead of mouses through the lens of a heartwarming adventure. While *Mia's Marvelous Farm Adventure* tackles the world of homophones, kids laugh out loud when they discover a bare baby bear and a hoarse horse. In this way I think the learning can become a personal 'aha!' moment for the child. My goal is to create a narrative bridge where literacy skills feel like part of the fun, making my books and workbooks valuable tools for parents and teachers who want to inspire a genuine love for language.

Q: Do you want to leave any message for your readers?

Never stop being curious! Whether you are picking up a new book, learning a musical instrument, or studying astronomy, remember that the best way to learn is to have fun with it. Parents and teachers, thank you for embracing this curiosity and sharing your own enjoyment in continuous learning. My hope is that my books make your job a little easier and your reading time a lot more joyful.

## A bare bear finds pears!



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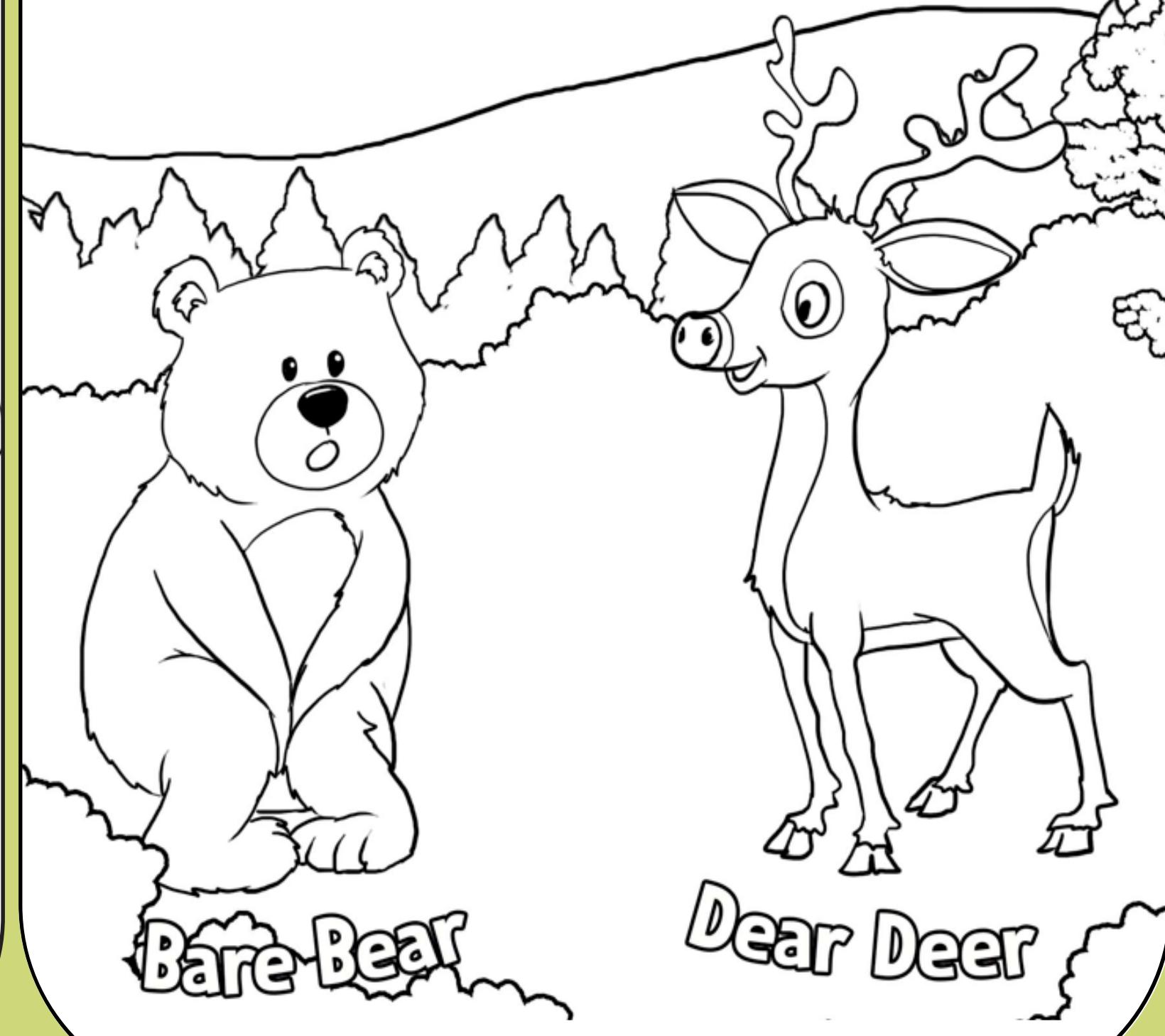
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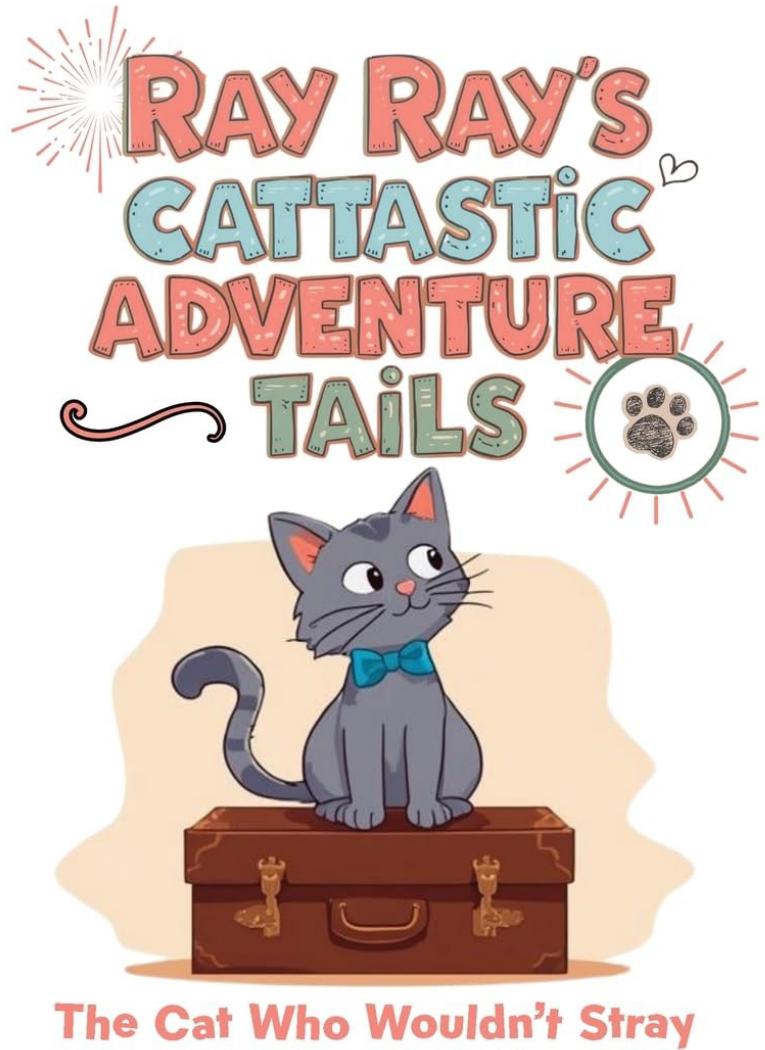
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\* Hint: Up, Down, Across, & Diagonals

## Mia's Marvelous Farm Adventure





### The Cat Who Wouldn't Stray

**Margaret Denardo**

Illustrated by: Alizbeth Bellotti

**Q: First tell us something about yourself.**

I am a 43 year old portrait photographer. I have loved writing and creative outlets my whole life. I never thought however at this point in my life I would become an author and especially of a children's book series.

We live on a 30 acre hobby farm with several cats, dogs, sheep and a pot belly pig. I love to travel, explore and help others.

**Q: How and when did your journey start as a writer?**

I was always interested in writing. I loved essays and creative writing projects all through school from my elementary days through college. I have written portions of novels that I never did anything with, poems, short stories, a movie scripts and a few television shows. All fun, but never submitted anywhere. I have always found writing to be therapeutic.

# Ray Ray's Cattastic Adventure Tails

## The Cat Who Wouldn't Stray

In Ray Ray's Cattastic Adventure Tails, readers are introduced to Ray Ray, a curious farm cat who adores his snug home but yearns for adventures beyond the barn. When his family plans a vacation, Ray Ray decides he must join them, determined not to be left behind. In the first volume, The Cat Who Wouldn't Stray, Ray Ray embarks on an exciting journey to the breathtaking fall landscapes of New Hampshire. As he sneaks away with his family, he encounters a series of unexpected challenges that test his bravery and resourcefulness.

available at  
**amazon**



But with this children's story my journey began when we discovered our cat had hitched a ride on the roof of our van for 100 miles before being discovered by us on a road trip to New Hampshire. It was such a wild story, and I was so happy he was safe and sound, we took him on an adventure of a cat's lifetime and I decided I wanted to bring that to everyone.

**Q: How do you ensure that your characters feel relatable and authentic to your young readers?**

Well, Ray Ray is a real cat and the humans that will join the story are as well so all of their characteristics will be based on them.

**Q: Tell us something more about your books.**

It's a fun rhyming way to tell our story of adventure, courage and bravery. My niece did the illustrations inside the book, it was such a great experience to be able to do this with her.

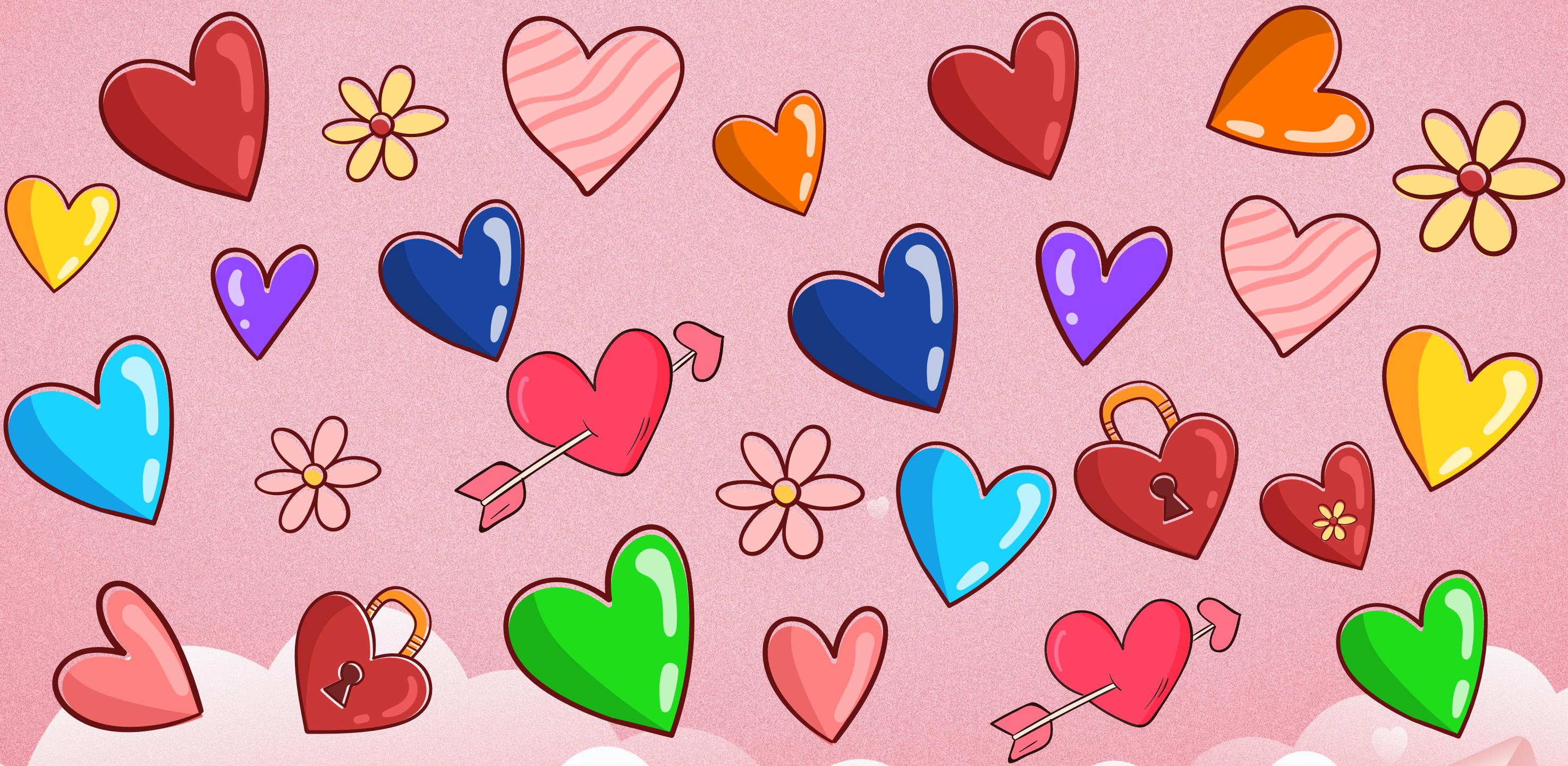
**Q: Do you want to leave any message for your readers?**

Follow along for more of Ray Ray's adventures online - more books are coming and more adventures happen every day!

**Margaret Denardo**

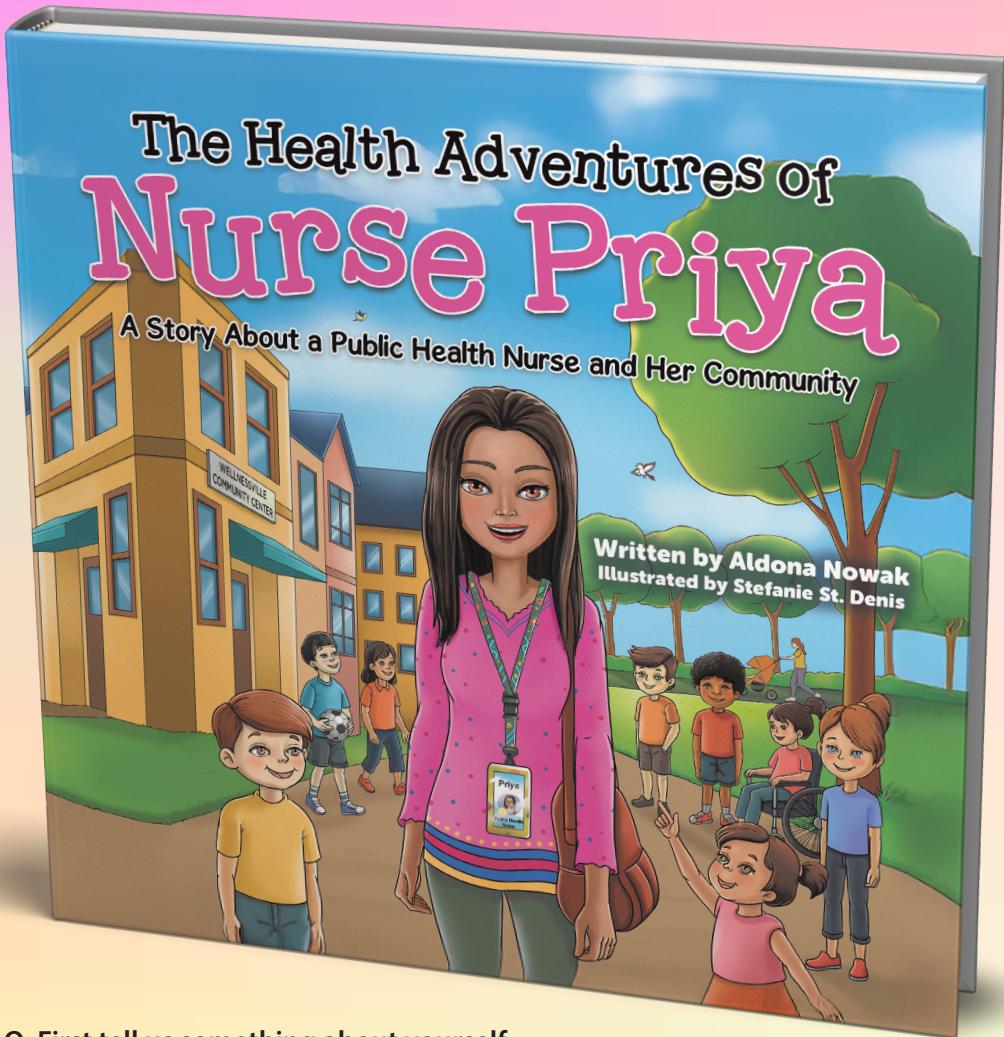
# Love Match

**Find The Heart Which Does Not Have A Matching Pair.**



# The Health Adventures of Nurse Priya

## A Story About A Public Health Nurse And Her Community



**Q:** First tell us something about yourself.

My name is Aldona Nowak, and I'm a registered nurse, nursing professor, former public health nurse, and mother from Stouffville, Ontario. I've been a nurse since 1994 and have worked in many settings, including hospitals, long-term care homes, colleges and universities, and as a public health nurse in various communities.

As a mother, I loved reading and telling stories to my two children when they were young; those moments sparked my passion for storytelling and helped me see how powerful books can be in shaping how children learn, imagine, and grow.

**Q:** How and when did your journey start as a writer?

My journey as a writer truly began during those early years of motherhood, when I spent my time reading picture books and inventing stories for my children. Those special moments made me realize how meaningful and powerful stories can be in teaching kindness, health, and confidence.

Over time, my experiences as a public health nurse blended with my love for storytelling, and I felt inspired to create a book that reflects the real work nurses do in communities every day.

**Q:** When did you write your first story?

I started crafting stories when my children were little, simple, heartfelt tales during bedtime. But the first story I formally wrote and developed into a children's book is The Health Adventures of Nurse Priya. It was inspired by the everyday public health work I have seen and done, as well as by the desire to help children understand how public health nurses support entire communities.

**Q:** Tell us something more about your book.

The Health Adventures of Nurse Priya follows Nurse Priya, a warm and energetic public health nurse who brings health and happiness to the town of Wellnessville. She teaches in schools, supports new parents, runs health fairs, helps teens make safe choices, and works with families to keep the community strong and healthy.

The story highlights the important roles that public health nurses play, from health promotion and disease prevention to community involvement and advocacy.

It's written in a way that young readers can easily enjoy and understand, while learning about healthy habits, communities, and the value of helping others.

**Q:** How did these stories and characters come to your mind?

Nurse Priya is inspired by the incredible public health nurses I've worked with over the years, compassionate, knowledgeable, and deeply committed to their communities.

Many scenes in the book, such as home visits, school lessons, vaccine education, and community events, reflect the real work that public health nurses do every day to promote health and prevent illness.

Wellnessville represents the kind of supportive, connected community I believe every child deserves. And the character of Nurse Priya brings together the qualities I admire most in nursing: kindness, care, education, empowerment, and advocacy.

**Q:** Do you want to leave any message for your readers?

Yes — I want every child who reads this book to know that they can make healthy choices, care for themselves and others, and dream big. Nurses like Nurse Priya show us that small actions can make a big difference in a community.

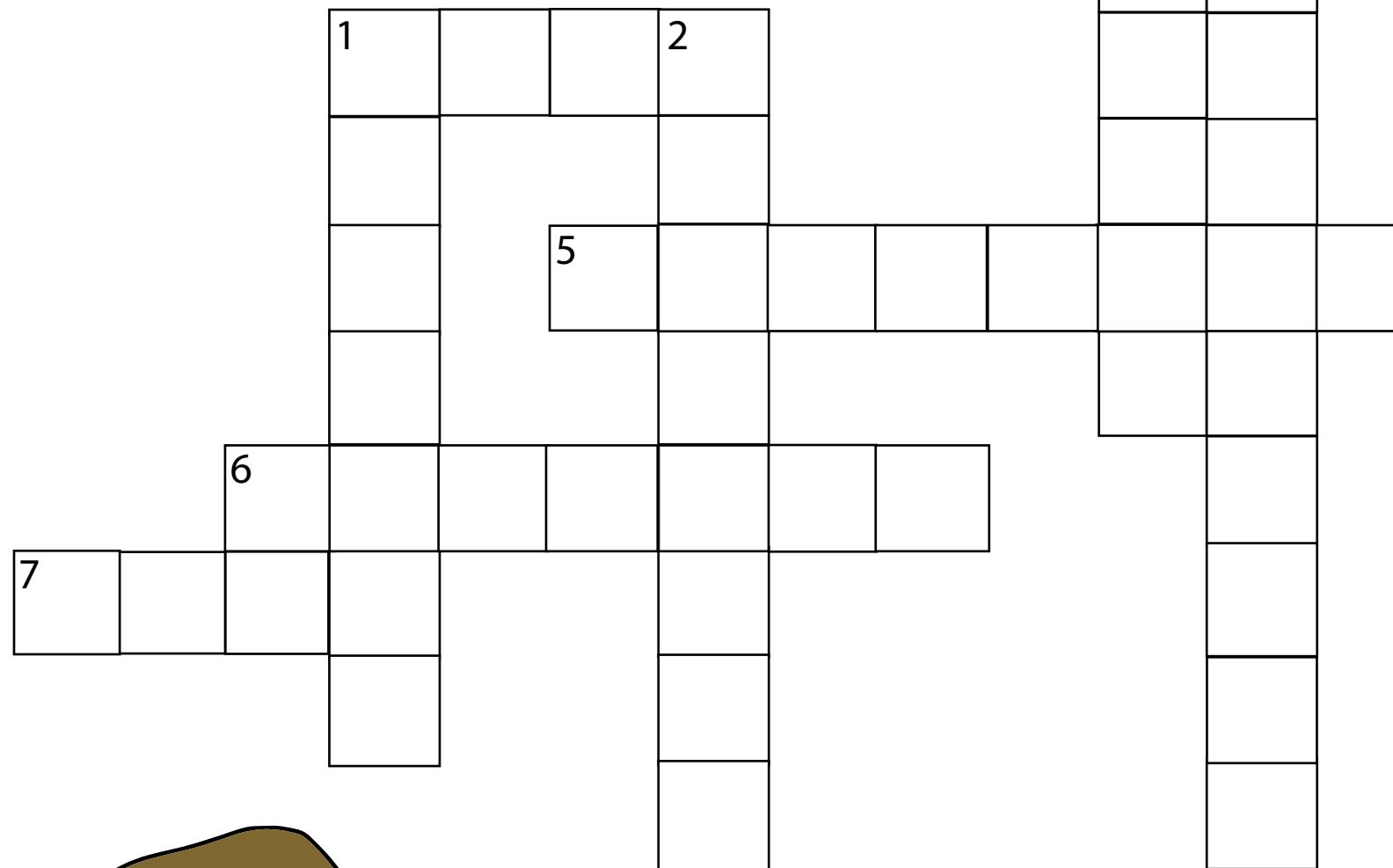
To parents, caregivers, educators, and even my nursing students... I hope this story opens conversations about health, kindness, and community. And to young readers, may you always believe in yourselves and know that you can grow up to become anything you aspire to be. :)

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**amazon**

# Aldona Nowak



# BLACK HISTORY CROSSWORD

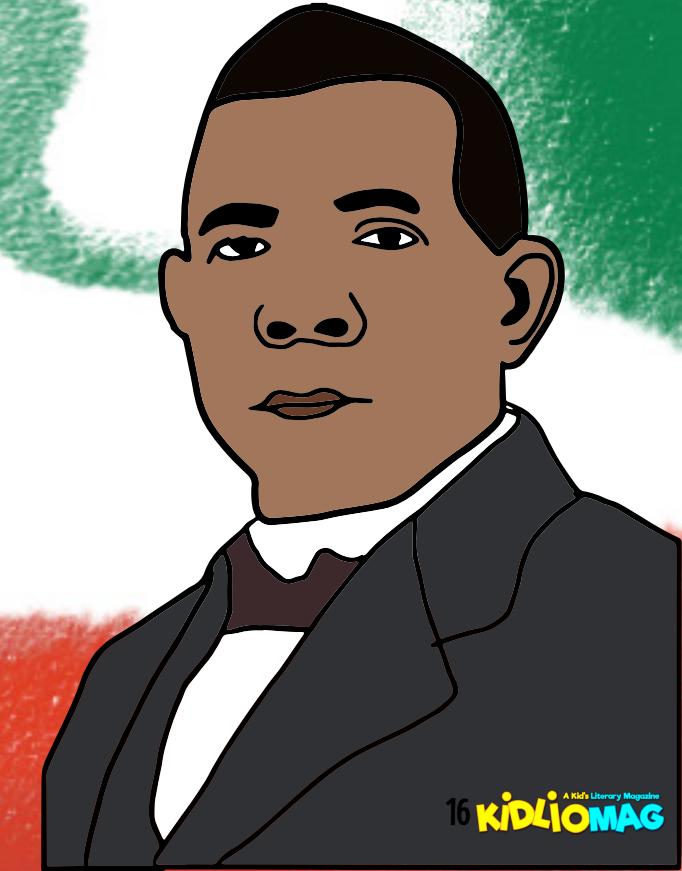


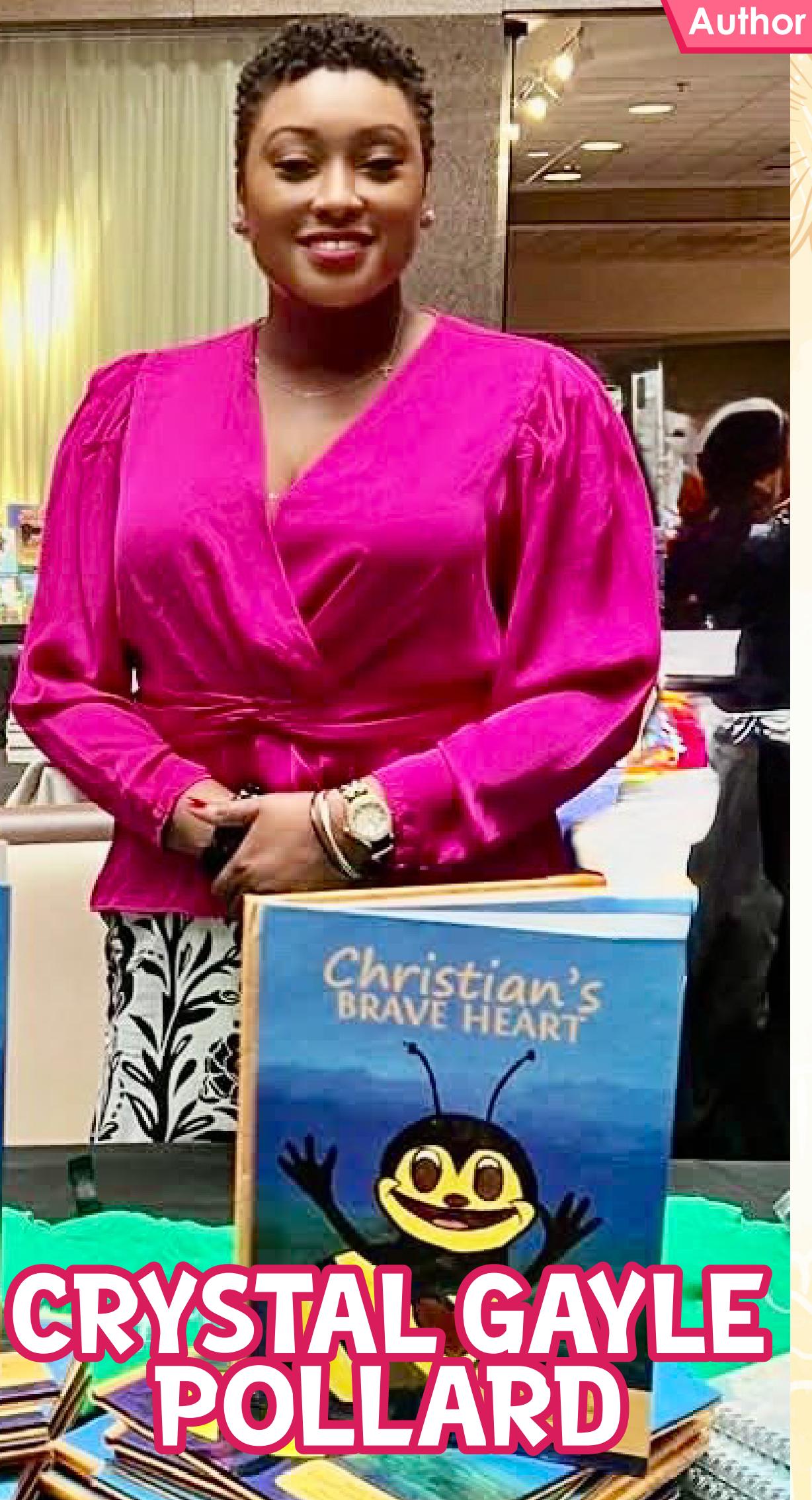
## Across

7. Madam C.J. Walker worked in the \_\_\_\_\_ care industry
6. Booker T. Washington was the first African-American on a U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ Stamp.
5. Harriet Tubman became the first woman in American history to lead a \_\_\_\_\_ assault.
1. Shirley Chisholm represented the state of \_\_\_\_\_

## Down

1. Mae Carol Jemison is an American engineer, physician, and former \_\_\_\_\_ astronaut.
2. Bessie Coleman obtained her pilot's license in Europe because \_\_\_\_\_ schools in the US did not admit women or black people.
3. Douglass was a respected orator, famous writer, abolitionist, \_\_\_\_\_ leader and a presidential consultant
4. Martin Luther King Jr. "I Have a \_\_\_\_\_" speech is famous the world over.





**CRYSTAL GAYLE POLLARD**

# CHRISTIAN'S BRAVE HEART

**Q: First tell us something about yourself.**

I am from Birmingham Alabama, I have one son Christian Pollard. I've recently graduated with my doctorate in philosophy in christian leadership and christian business. Also I'm an ordained prophetess and Evangelist, my ministry Crystal's Light Ministry. I have two nonprofits Crystal's Hope Serving The Youth and Christian's Heart Foundation Fighting For Children With Heart Disease. I'm an author and have an online book store, [www.crystalsbookstore.company](http://www.crystalsbookstore.company)

**Q: How and when did your journey start as a writer?**

My journey started during the pandemic, I wrote my first children's book and it's about my son Christian finding out he had to have surgery on his heart in 2010.

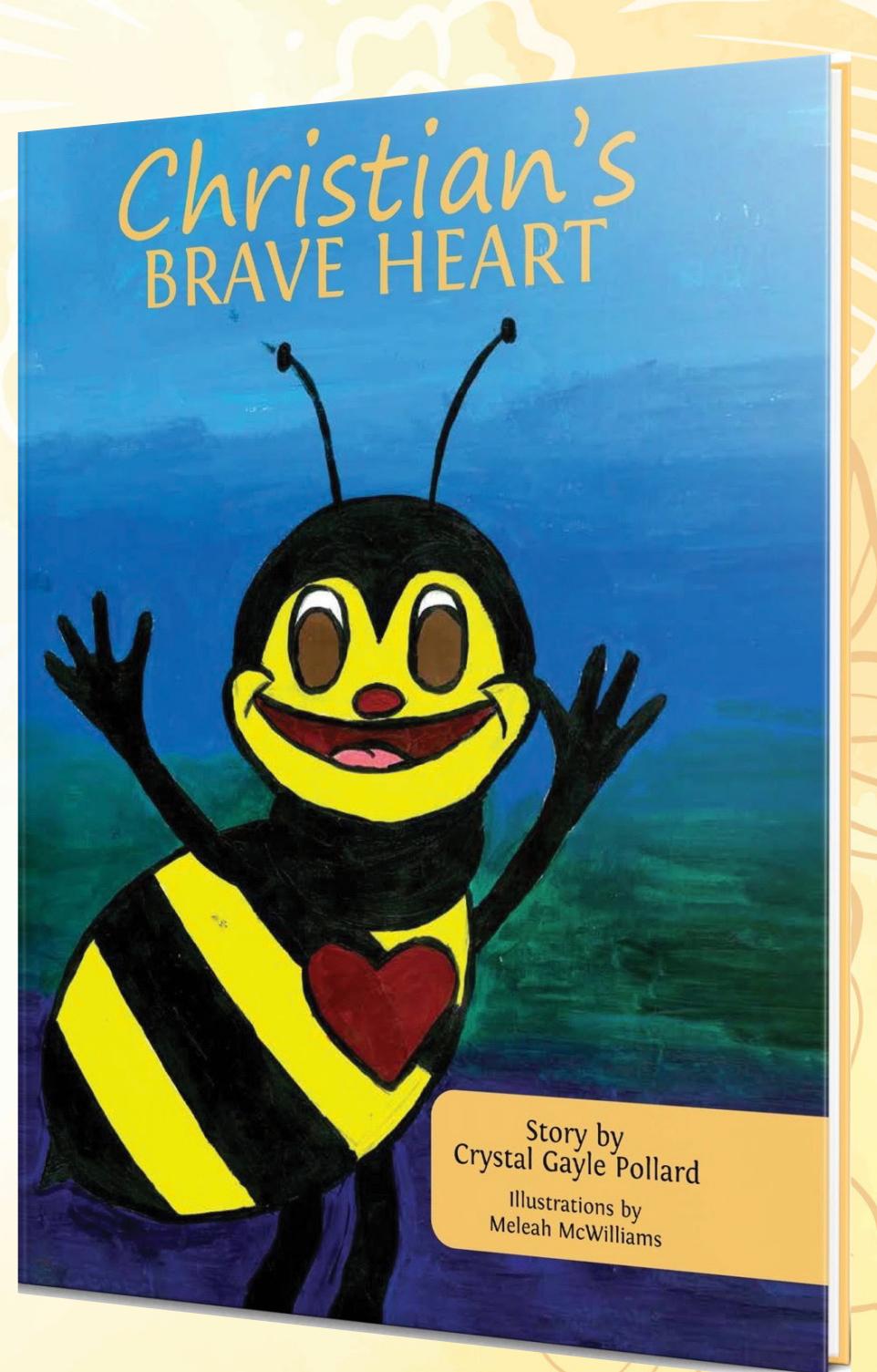
**Q: Tell us something more about your book series.**

My son Christian was diagnosed with a heart disease called prolonged QT. And I thought writing this book would encourage a lot of people that has been through this experience or that's currently in this situation.

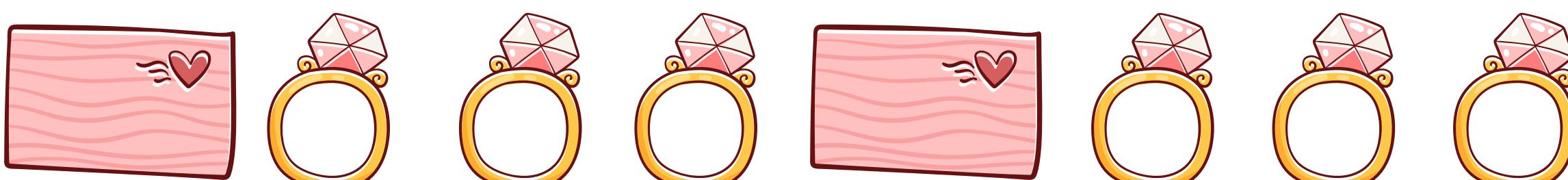
**Q: Do you want to leave any message for your readers?**

This is a true lovable story that has touched so many people's hearts already, I wanted the book to be big and colorful for the children to smile.

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# WHAT COMES NEXT?



# Lola & Sophie's ABC Adventure



**CHRISTINE DEVANE**

Christine Devane grew up an animal lover, collecting lucky elephants that her parents, Joyce and Tony and grandparents Ginger and Edward would bring her back from their trips. As a child she enjoyed reading, especially about animals. After college Christine became a second-grade teacher where she adored story time with her students. It was at this time that she decided to write her own books. Christine's first published book, "Elephant Beach," was inspired by her childhood and growing up shy. She wanted to write a book that made shy children feel seen. Her second book "Lola and Sophie's ABC Adventure" was influenced by her two favorite dogs- her rescue dog Sophie and her chihuahua Lola who is now in heaven. The book introduces the letters of the alphabet through playful doggy antics and focuses on pet adoption. Christine volunteered at the MSPCA Boston for many years and is an animal advocate.

Christine lives with her husband John and their three children- Joey, Nick, and Adeline and Sophie. They enjoy reading books together, going to the beach, going on trips and going for walks. They like to watch movies- Sophie's favorite being "Pets."

available at  
**amazon**



Written by  
**Christine Devane**

Woof, woof-let's go! Meet Lola and Sophie, two adorable pups who are ready to take your little one on a joyful ABC adventure. From barking and belly rubs to jumping, snuggling, wagging tails, and catching ZZZs, each page introduces a new letter through playful doggy antics and sweet opposite pairs that delight early readers.

Inspired by two real-life dogs-Lola, a glamorous chihuahua with a big personality, and Sophie,

a once-homeless rescue who found a forever home-this book celebrates:

Learning the alphabet in a fun, engaging way  
The importance of pet adoption  
Friendship, kindness, and family  
The silly, lovable quirks of our four-legged friends

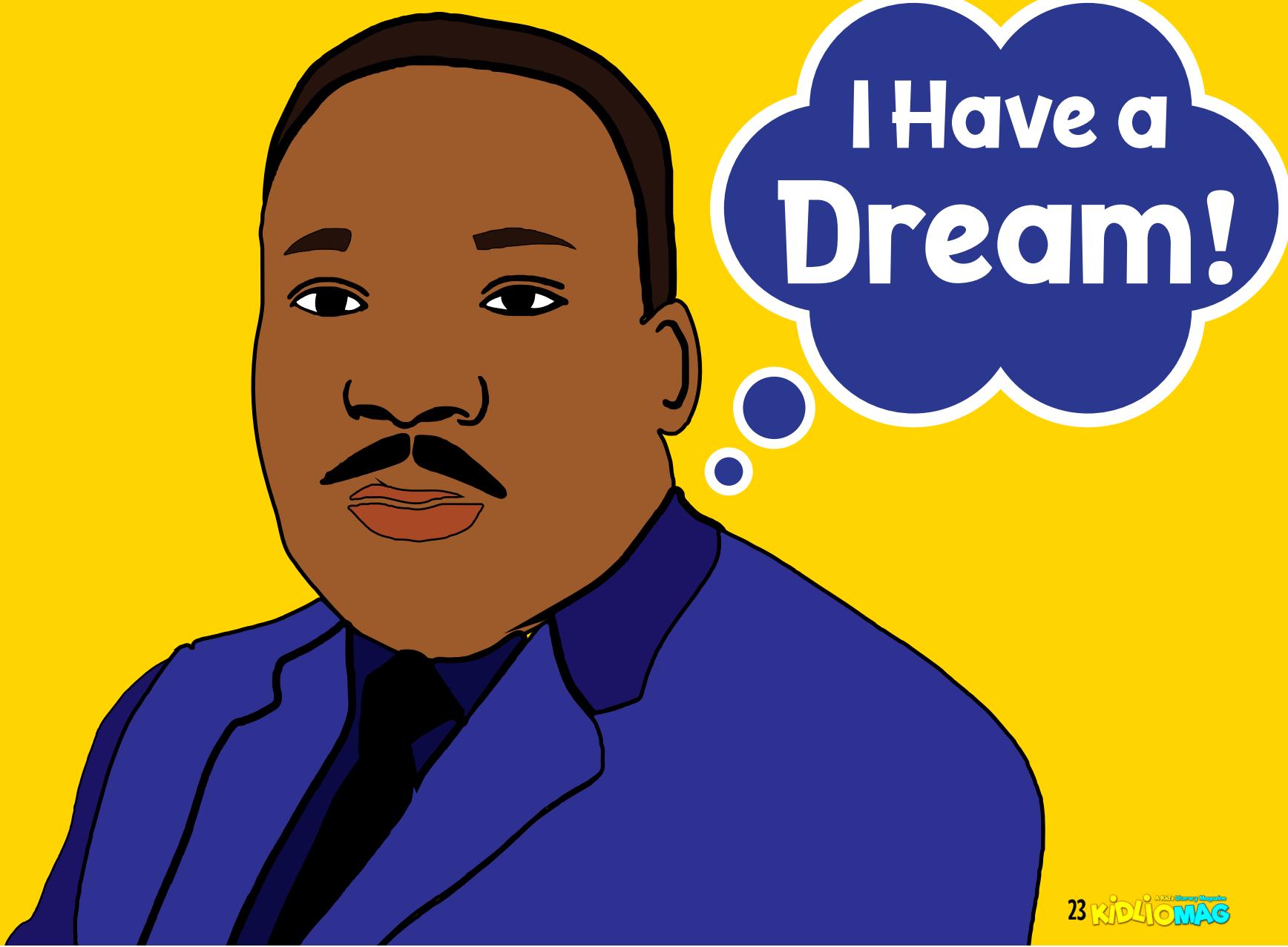
With bright language and heartwarming backstories, Lola and Sophie's ABC Adventure makes the perfect read-aloud for toddlers, preschoolers, classrooms, and families who believe every pet has a story worth telling. A charming, feel-good journey from A to Z-with two furry friends who will steal your heart.



**"Out Of The Mountain Of Despair,  
A Stone Of Hope."**

**"I Was A Drum Major For Justice,  
Peace And Righteousness."**

**-Martin Luther King, Jr.**



# I Have A Dream

**This Is What My Dream Looks Like**

**My Dream for World is:**

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**My Dream for my Family is:**

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**My Dream For Myself Is:**

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# Hardy, the Best Boy Ever!



This book is in remembrance of Hardy, also known as Hardy Boy. Hardy was my, mommy's, best friend and everything for 17 amazing years. I want to share how great he was with the world and how much of a light in my life he was. Please enjoy this book, getting a glimpse of my Hardy Boy. Hold your family members tight.

## Author Interview



## Karly Sidman

**Q: First tell us something about yourself.**

I originally worked as a chef for 11 years and am now a registered dental assistant for the past 6 years adding published author to the list! I am a huge animal person and my dogs, including hardy, are my world.

**Q: How and when did your journey start as a writer?**

My journey began with just a little spark in the imagination of wanting to write a story about hardy. We almost lost hardy in the summer of 2025 and it made me actually start the writing process. Things moved fast at that point and now I have a wonderful children's book about my hardy boy.

**Q: Tell us something more about your book series.**

There is not a series in the works yet but never say never. I could possibly start one and introduce hardy's little sister, honu, to the readers.

**Q: How did you create the magical system in your books and characters?**

Well the book is about hardy and I, so not too creative on the characters. The book is just a fun story about us, our bond and things we loved to do.

**Q: Do you want to leave any message for your readers?**

Stay creative and always use your imagination! Never stop dreaming and it is never too late to start something new.

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**amazon**

# Valentine's Day Maths



=3



=4



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$$\text{chocolate} + \text{bow and arrow} + \text{ring} =$$

$$\text{chocolate} + \text{ring} + \text{muffin} + \text{muffin} =$$

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$$\text{ring} + \text{muffin} + \text{muffin} + \text{chocolate} + \text{bow and arrow} + \text{padlock} =$$

# World-Renowned Food

When you discover Haitian cuisine, we are sure you'll want to tell the whole world! In fact, we have a dish that UNESCO recognizes as part of the "Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity." The dish that earned this high honor is a soup like no other, *Soup Joumou*.



# Haitian Creole Is The Most Spoken Creole Language In The World



Haiti is An Island

# Breathtaking Coastlines

The Caribbean is well-known for its lovely beaches, and our beaches are among the most beautiful in the region. You can visit Lover Island in Ile à Vache, Labadee in Cap-Haïtien, the Arcadins coast, the Anse Blanche beach close to Pestel, or Boukanye in Petit-Goâve. No matter where you go in Haiti, there's a lovely white sand beach to discover!



# Haiti Has The Deepest Cave In The Caribbean

Caribbean's most spectacular cave adventures. With a massive cave system of more than four kilometers (two-and-a-half miles), the Grotte Marie Jeanne is the deepest cave in the Caribbean! Located in the south of Haiti by the city of Port-à-Piment, this impressive cave and its five levels of natural galleries and stalactites will, without a doubt, leave you speechless.



# Haiti



# Haiti is Mountainous



No matter where you may find yourself in Haiti, you'll either be on a mountain range or have one in view. The country is made up of a series of breathtaking mountain landscapes. Actually, the very name Haiti means "mountainous land" in the Taíno language spoken by the island's indigenous inhabitants.

## LeBron James

LeBron James is widely regarded as one of the best players in basketball today. He has an incredible combination of skills, strength, leaping ability, and height that make him one of the best athletes in the world.



## Usain Bolt

Usain Bolt (born August 21, 1986, Montego Bay, Jamaica) Jamaican sprinter who won gold medals in the 100-metre and 200-metre races in an unprecedented three straight Olympic Games and is widely considered the greatest sprinter of all time.

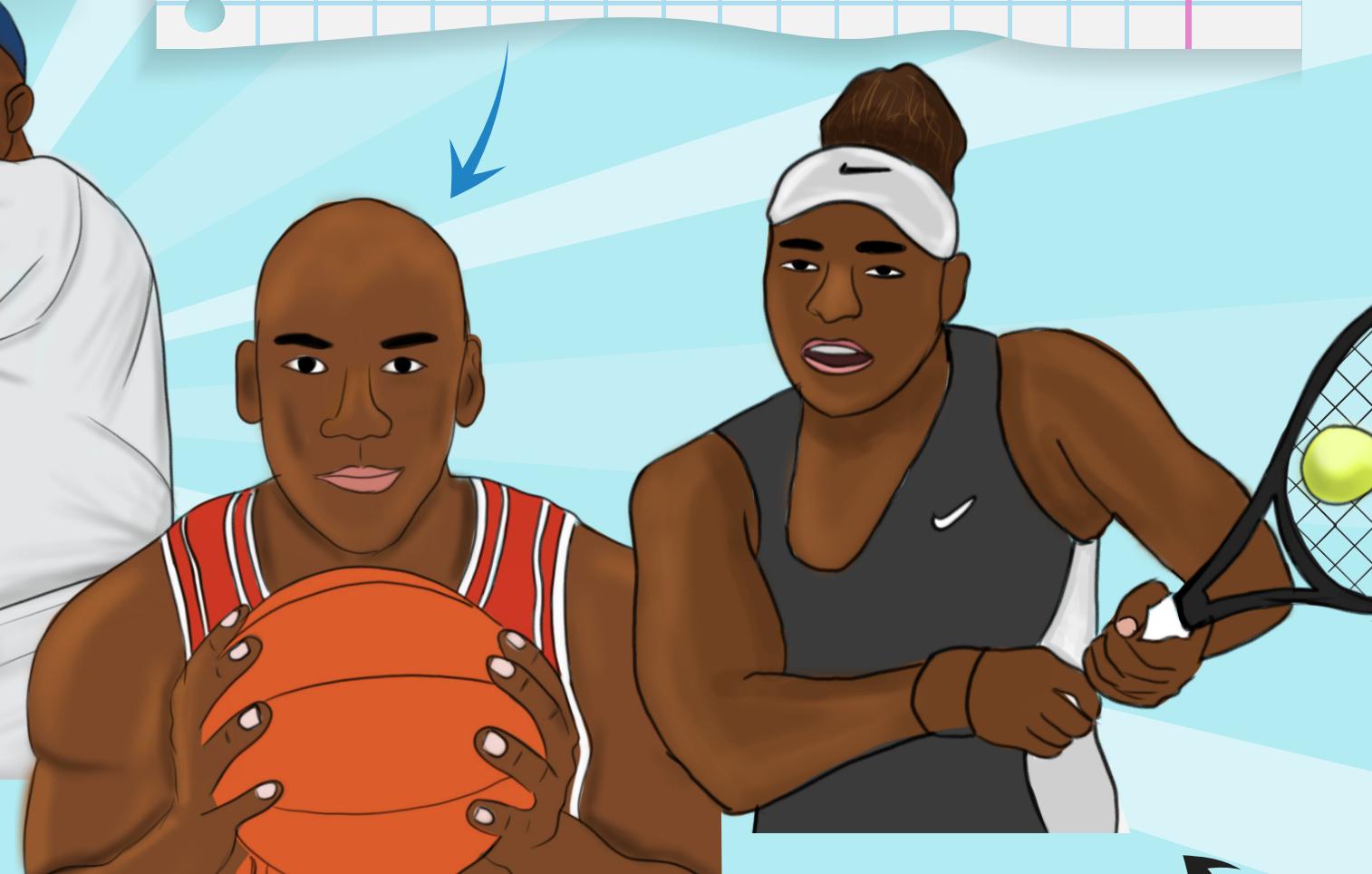
## Jackie Robinson

On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson took to the field as the first-baseman for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Robinson was the first Black player to play Major League Baseball (MLB) in the modern era. Since 2004, baseball has honored Robinson's legacy by celebrating April 15 as "Jackie Robinson Day."



## Michael Jordan

Michael Jordan is widely considered the greatest basketball player of all time. He won an NCAA championship with the University of North Carolina in 1982 and an Olympic gold medal in 1984. Jordan led the Chicago Bulls to six NBA championships and was part of the Dream Team that won gold at the 1992 Olympics. Jordan retired twice, first in 1993 to play baseball, and again in 1998 after winning his sixth NBA title. He briefly returned to play for the Washington Wizards in 2001-2003 before retiring for good.

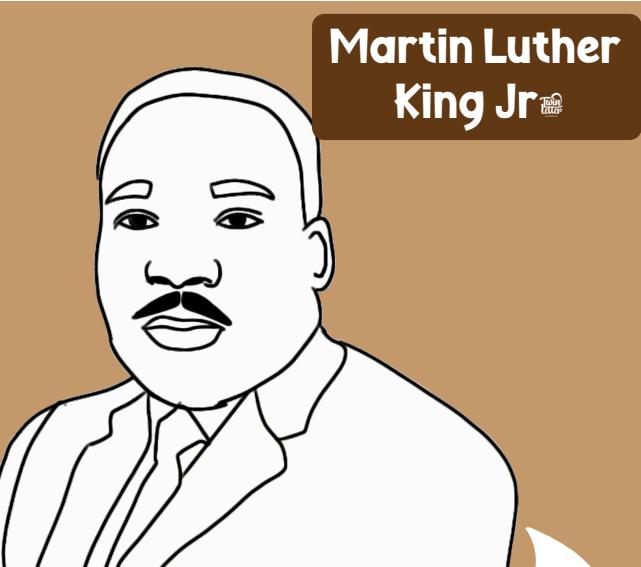


## Muhammad Ali

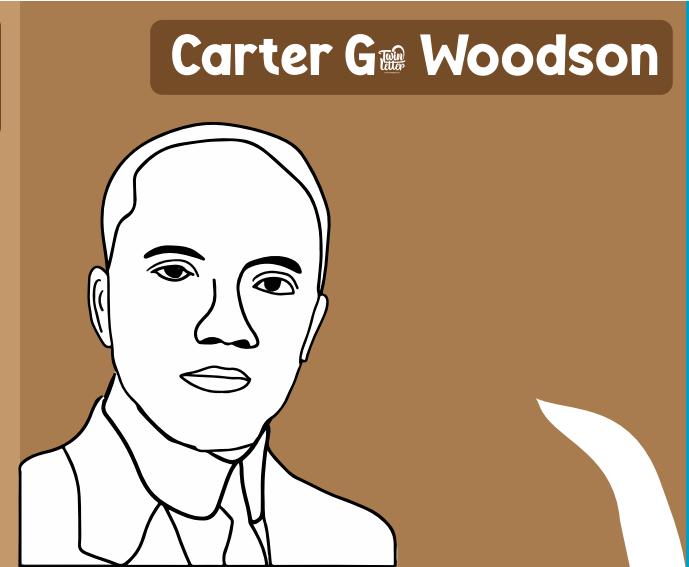
Muhammad Ali was one of the most influential athletes in American history, a three-time heavyweight boxing champion who fought as well with his mouth and mind. Ali called himself "The Greatest," and many agreed. Among boxers, he certainly ranked among the elite, having won the heavyweight title three times in his 21-year career.

## Serena Williams

Serena Williams exemplifies courage, beauty, power and style, and has overcome insurmountable odds to win 23 career Grand Slams, the second-most singles titles of record. Her remarkable tennis achievements, combined with her off-court success in fashion, philanthropy and business, make her one of the most recognizable icons in the world and a powerful voice for women.



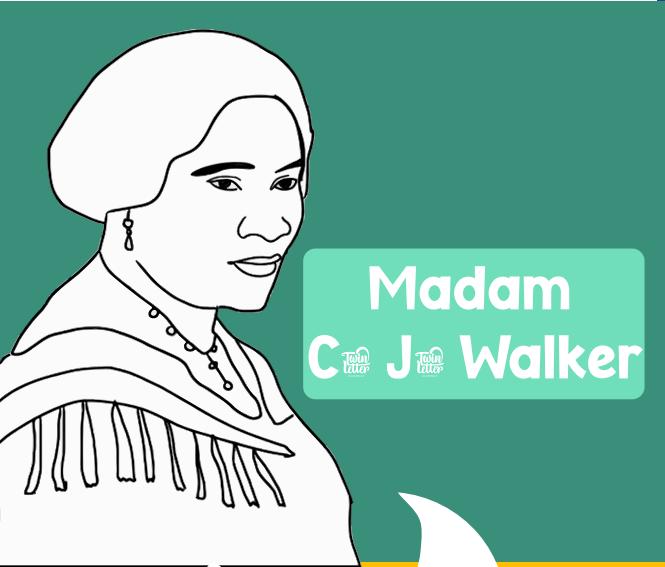
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**Madam C. J. Walker**



**Mae Jemison**

Martin Luther King Jr. Powered by faith, inspired by Gandhi and motivated by hope for equal treatment for all. Martin Luther King Jr. was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesman and leader in the American civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968.

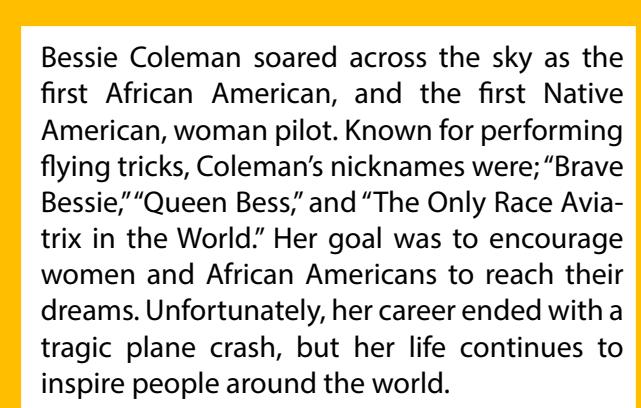
Carter G. Woodson was a scholar whose dedication to celebrating the historic contributions of Black people led to the establishment of Black History Month, marked every February since 1976. Woodson fervently believed that Black people should be proud of their heritage and all Americans should understand the largely overlooked achievements of Black Americans.

She was named the first Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Maya Angelou was an American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist. She published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, several books of poetry, and is credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning over 50 years.

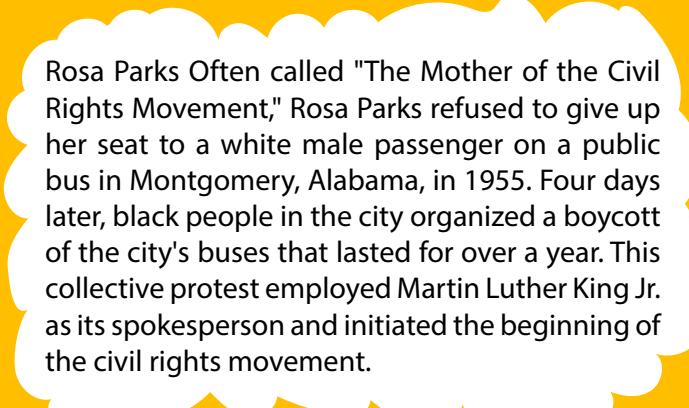
Madam C.J. Walker was an African American entrepreneur, philanthropist, and political and social activist. She is recorded as the first female self-made millionaire in America she was considered the wealthiest African-American businesswoman and wealthiest self-made black woman in America.

Mae Carol Jemison is an American engineer, physician, and former NASA astronaut. She became the first black woman to travel into space when she served as a mission specialist aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour. Jemison joined NASA's astronaut corps in 1987 and was selected to serve for the STS-47 mission, during which she orbited the Earth for nearly eight days on September 12–20, 1992.

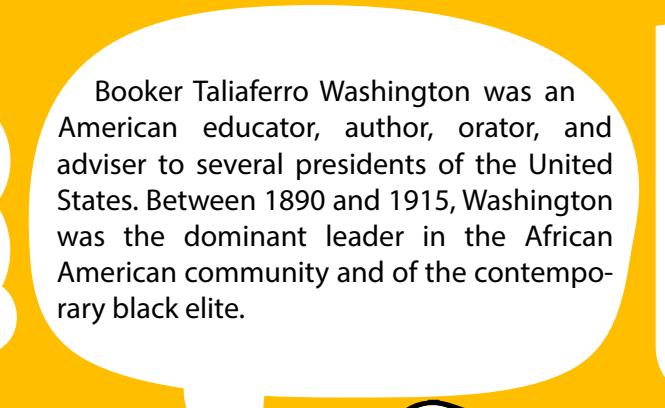
# BLACK HISTORY HEROES



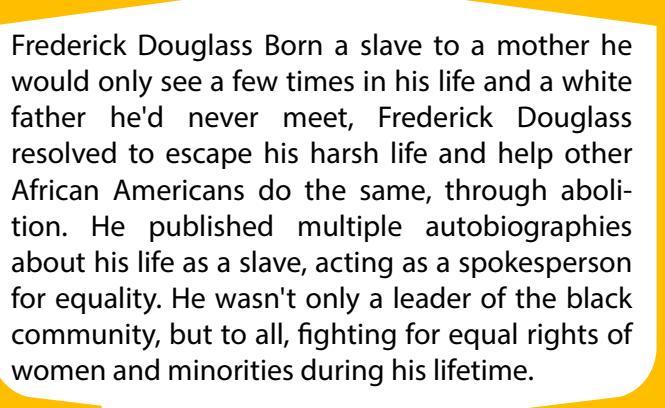
Bessie Coleman soared across the sky as the first African American, and the first Native American, woman pilot. Known for performing flying tricks, Coleman's nicknames were; "Brave Bessie," "Queen Bess," and "The Only Race Aviatrix in the World." Her goal was to encourage women and African Americans to reach their dreams. Unfortunately, her career ended with a tragic plane crash, but her life continues to inspire people around the world.



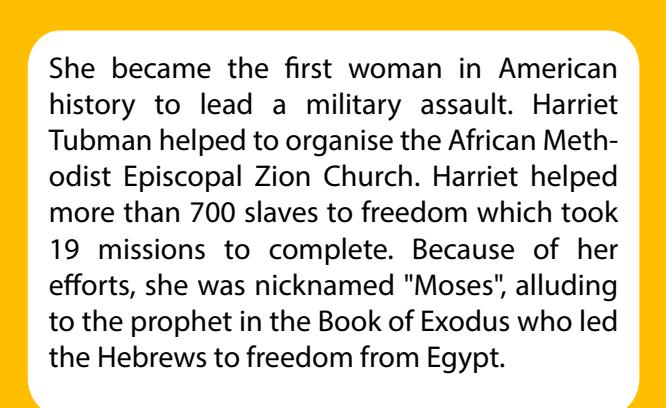
Rosa Parks Often called "The Mother of the Civil Rights Movement," Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white male passenger on a public bus in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955. Four days later, black people in the city organized a boycott of the city's buses that lasted for over a year. This collective protest employed Martin Luther King Jr. as its spokesperson and initiated the beginning of the civil rights movement.



Booker Taliaferro Washington was an American educator, author, orator, and adviser to several presidents of the United States. Between 1890 and 1915, Washington was the dominant leader in the African American community and of the contemporary black elite.



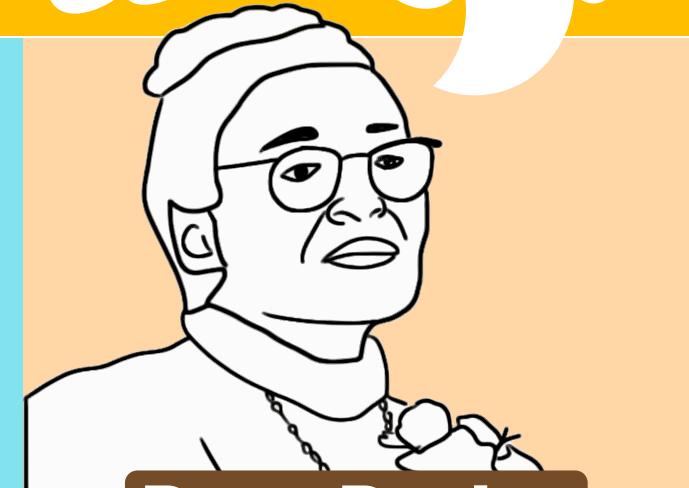
Frederick Douglass Born a slave to a mother he would only see a few times in his life and a white father he'd never meet, Frederick Douglass resolved to escape his harsh life and help other African Americans do the same, through abolition. He published multiple autobiographies about his life as a slave, acting as a spokesperson for equality. He wasn't only a leader of the black community, but to all, fighting for equal rights of women and minorities during his lifetime.



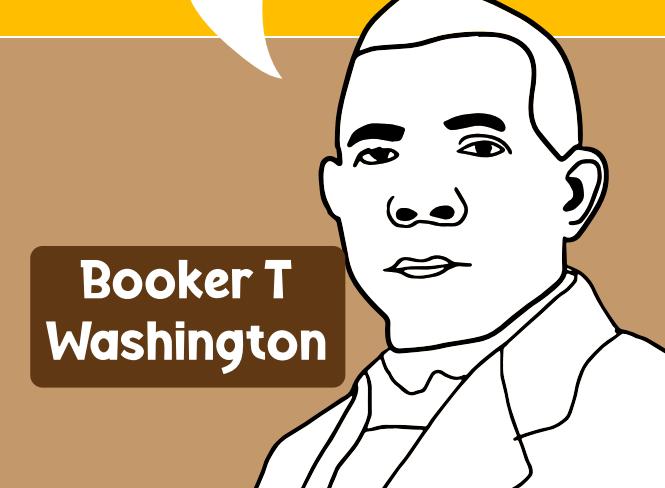
She became the first woman in American history to lead a military assault. Harriet Tubman helped to organise the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Harriet helped more than 700 slaves to freedom which took 19 missions to complete. Because of her efforts, she was nicknamed "Moses", alluding to the prophet in the Book of Exodus who led the Hebrews to freedom from Egypt.



**Bessie Coleman**



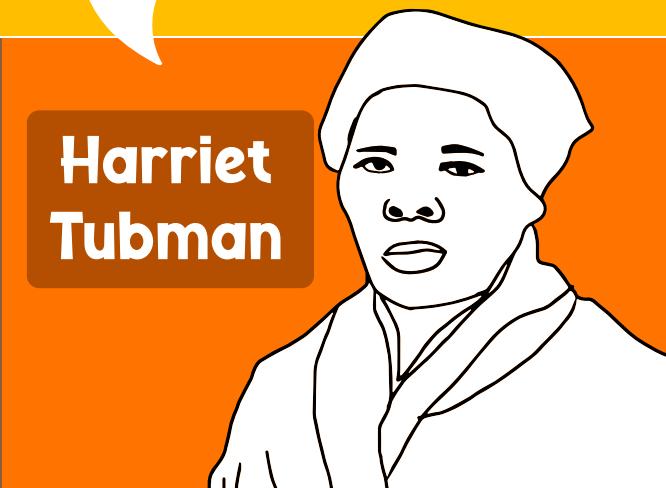
**Rosa Parks**



**Booker T. Washington**

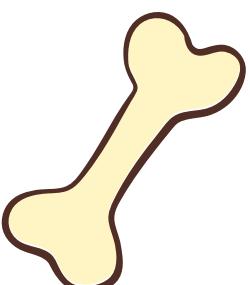
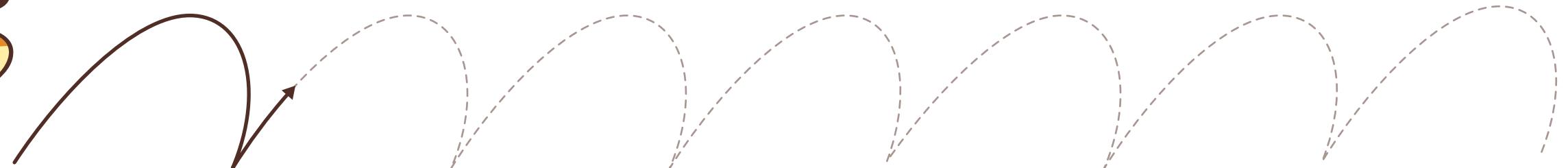
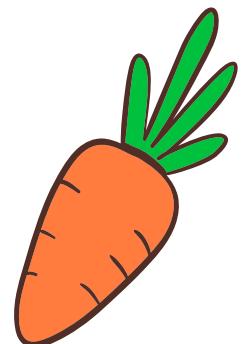
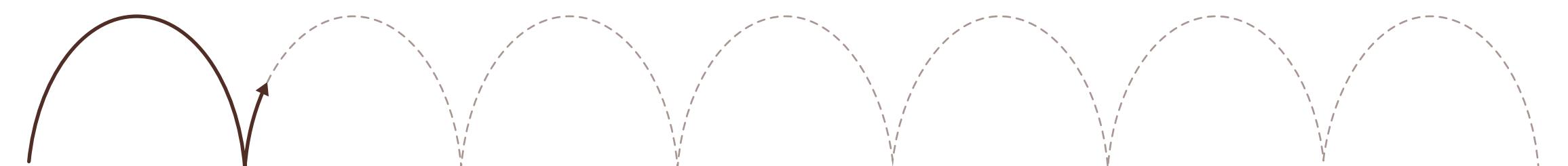
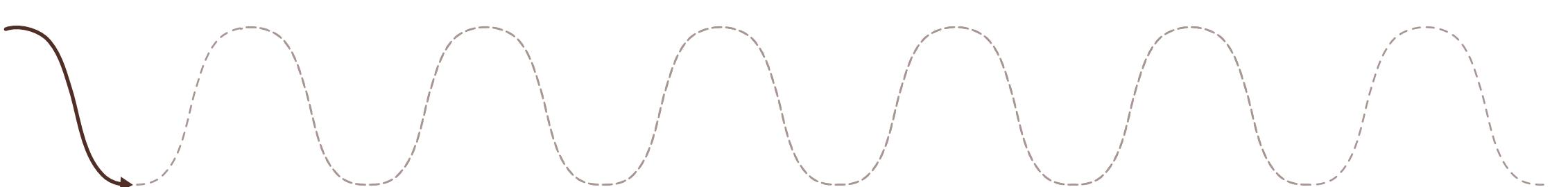
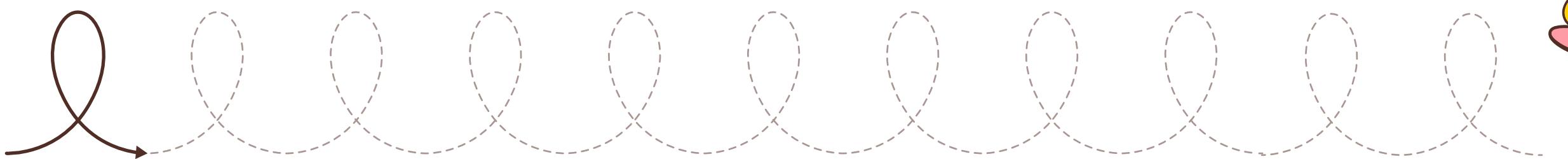
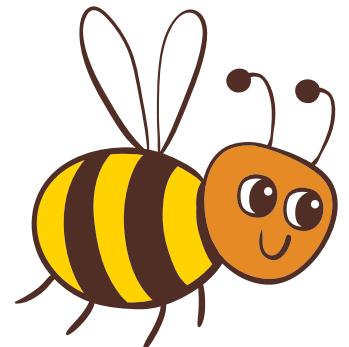


**Frederick Douglass**



**Harriet Tubman**

# ★ Tracing Practice ★



# DO YOU KNOW?

Carter G. Woodson Selected **February** In Honor Of **Frederick Douglass** And **Abraham Lincoln's** Birth Dates.

The first celebration of **Black History Month** took place in **February 1970**

**Black History Month**  
Was Founded By  
**Carter G. Woodson**,  
Who Was A  
Historian, Author, And Journalist.

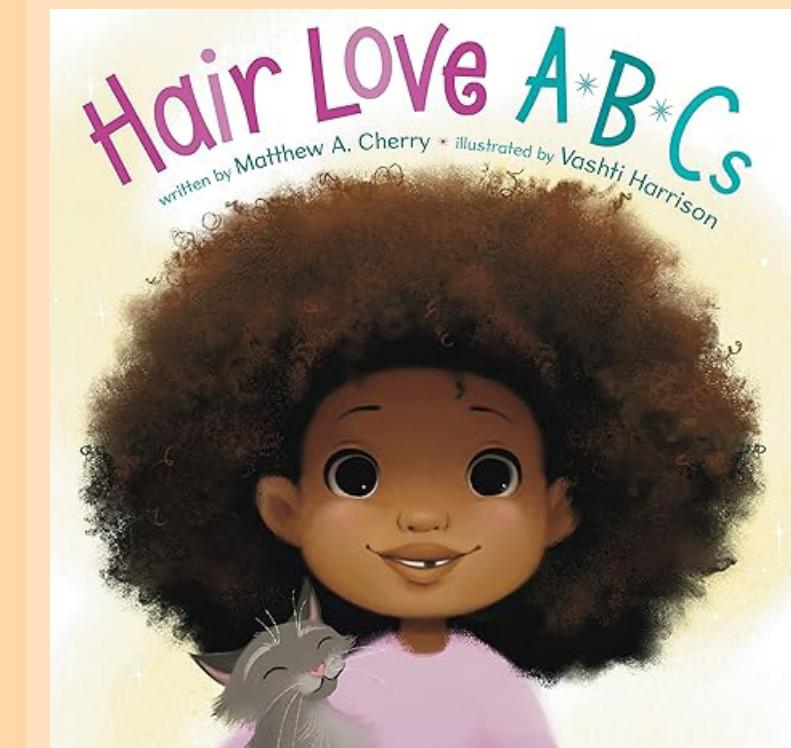
The very first Black History Month theme was Civilization: A World Achievement. The 2025 Black History Month theme is

**African Americans and Labor**

**February** is  
Black History month!

It is a time designated to celebrate the contributions of black people to this world.

## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



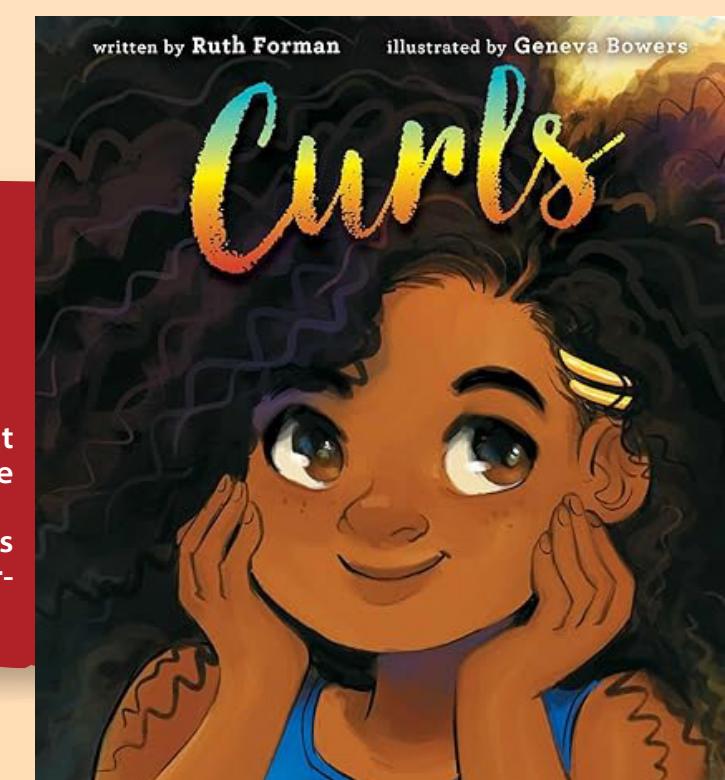
Name: Hair Love ABCs

Author: Matthew A. Cherry

Publisher: Kokila

Description: An alphabet board book inspired by the bestselling HAIR LOVE, from the original award-winning author and illustrator duo—and perfect for baby gift baskets.

A is for Afro, N is for Natural, and W is for Waves. Letter by letter, follow Zuri and her father in their joy-filled journey through the kinks and curls of Black hair.

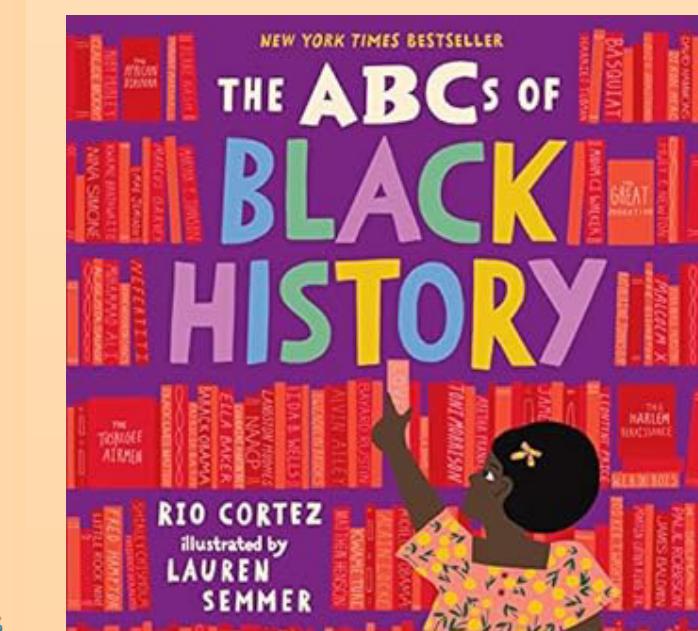


Name: Curls

Author: Ruth Forman

Publisher: Little Simon

Description: A joyfully poetic board book that delivers an ode to African American girls and the beauty of their curls. This simple, playful, and beautiful board book stars four friends who celebrate the joy of their hairstyles from bouncing curls to swinging braids.



Name: The ABCs of Black History

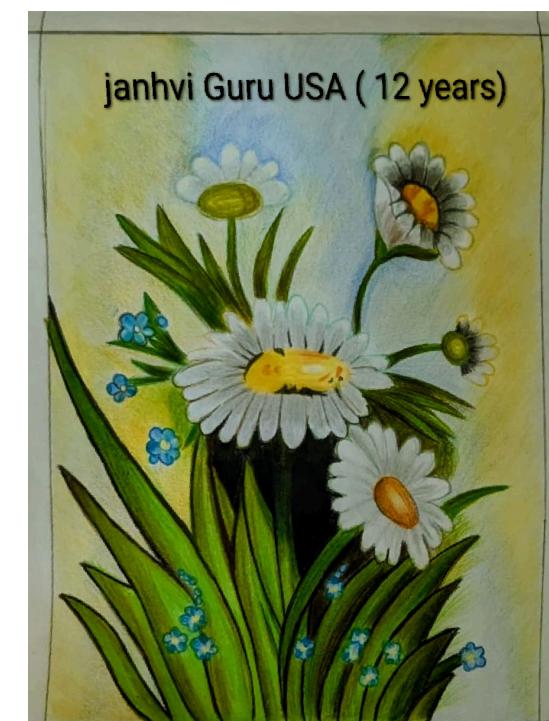
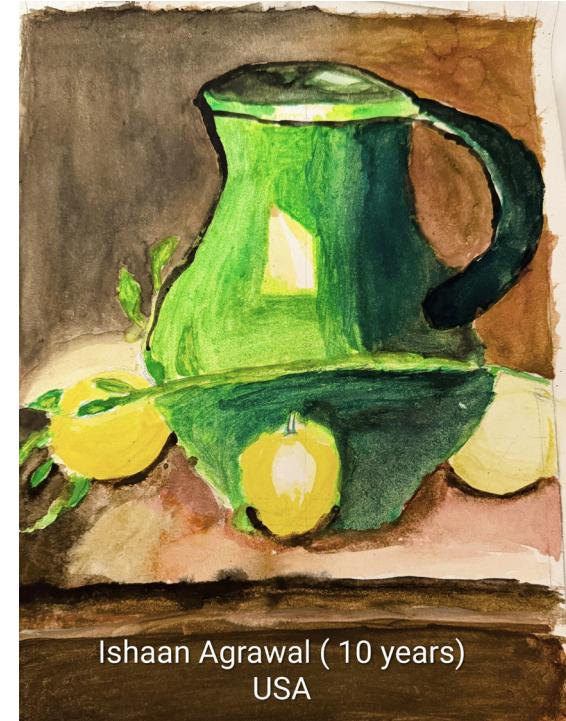
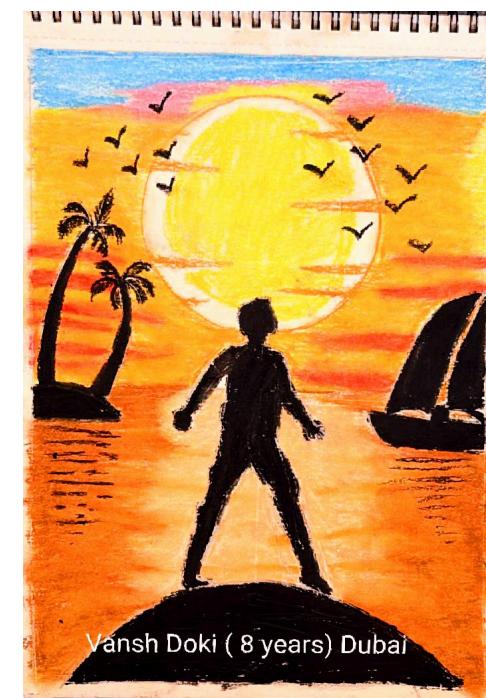
Author: Rio Cortez

Publisher: Workman Publishing Company

Description: Letter by letter, The ABCs of Black History celebrates a story that spans continents and centuries, triumph and heartbreak, creativity and joy.

It's a story of big ideas—P is for Power, S is for Science and Soul. Of significant moments—G is for Great Migration. Of iconic figures—H is for Zora Neale Hurston, X is for Malcolm X. It's an ABC book like no other, and a story of hope and love.

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