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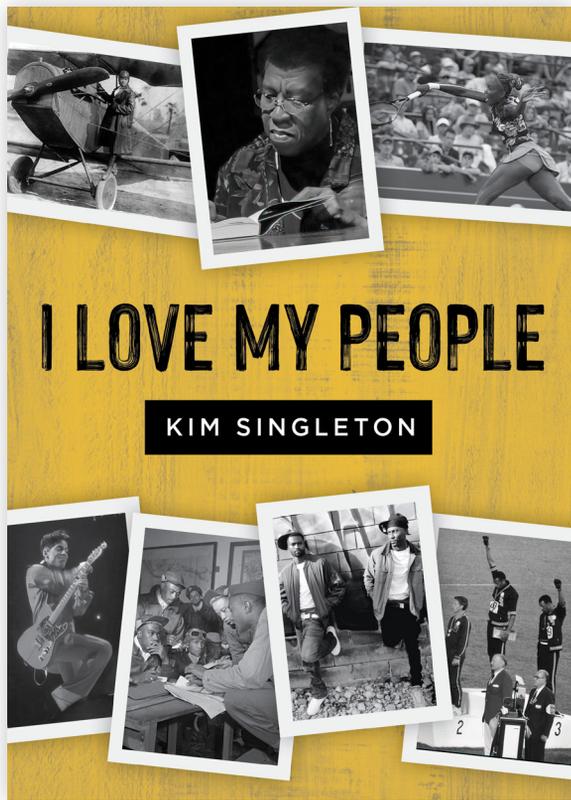
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I Love My People

KIM SINGLETON

Say it with her now:

“I love my people!”

In rhythmic prowess, Kim Singleton recounts the beauty and legacy of Black people who are “too many to name, from the corners of obscurity, to the highest of fame.”

I Love My People is a poetic tribute to African American history-makers and culture-shakers, complete with nostalgic photography and vibrant, playful illustration. In the vein of Gill Scott-Heron’s poetry of the 1970s, author Kim Singleton invites us into call-and-response and brings a refreshing cadence to the page that captures every decade of Black joy in all its resilient, diverse, and excellent splendor.

“We were told that our bodies weren’t built for this art. Rhythmic movement we mastered flowing straight from the heart.”

Singleton shines a light on virtually every facet of Black community life, and unapologetically declares her people good—from the street corner to the White House and everything in between.

“In 1827, *Freedom’s Journal* was born. Black content, Black operated, Black staff, Black owned.”

By the end, you’ll be chanting Singleton’s anthem, too: “I LOVE MY PEOPLE!”

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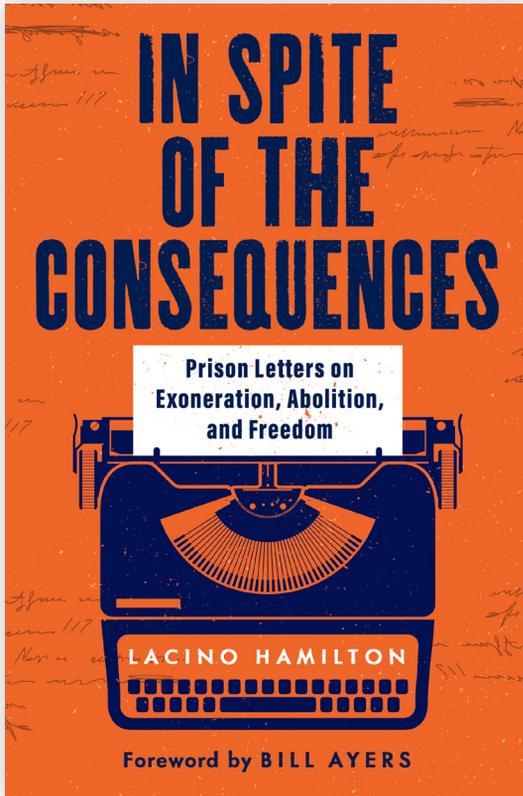
POE005050 POETRY / African American & Black
HIS056000 HISTORY / African American & Black
SOC072000 SOCIAL SCIENCE / Activism & Social Justice



Kimberly Singleton is a filmmaker, writer, and poet. She earned a BS from Howard University and an MBA from NYU, Stern School of Business, forging a twenty-year career in media. Singleton’s love for the arts led her to study at Frederick Douglass Creative Arts Center, Gotham Writers Workshop, and African Voices Writers Workshop. Singleton is the executive producer and host of the online program *Consider It Blacklit*, winner of the Public Media Award of Excellence in 2018 and 2019. She is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and a former international president of the Howard University Alumni Association. Singleton lives in New York City.

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In Spite of the Consequences

Prison Letters on Exoneration, Abolition, and Freedom

LACINO HAMILTON
FOREWORD BY BILL AYERS

Falsely convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison, Lacino Hamilton sent thousands of letters: “If I do not write, who will?”

After twenty-six years, including eleven years in solitary confinement, and a years-long campaign of public and political pressure, Hamilton was exonerated and released on September 30, 2020.

Tireless, empathetic, and unflinching, Hamilton’s voice throughout these letters shines with immediacy. “We must engage all people in recognizing the terrible costs of maintaining the US system of justice,” he writes. In his passionate critiques of the prison-industrial complex, his emotional appeals to friends and family, and his fierce and unflagging defense of his own innocence, Hamilton exposes the oppressive, humiliating, and destructive reality of our justice system. From divestment in cities and policing policies to the everyday violence of imprisonment and its attempts to obliterate personhood in favor of obedience, these letters offer an incisive critique of our criminal justice system. We also feel Hamilton’s deep generosity of spirit as he counsels others affected by this terrible system and lauds the work of those working on the outside for reform. With his voice, we sense something unexpected and profound: hope for a reimagining of our systems—a humanity-affirming model of justice.

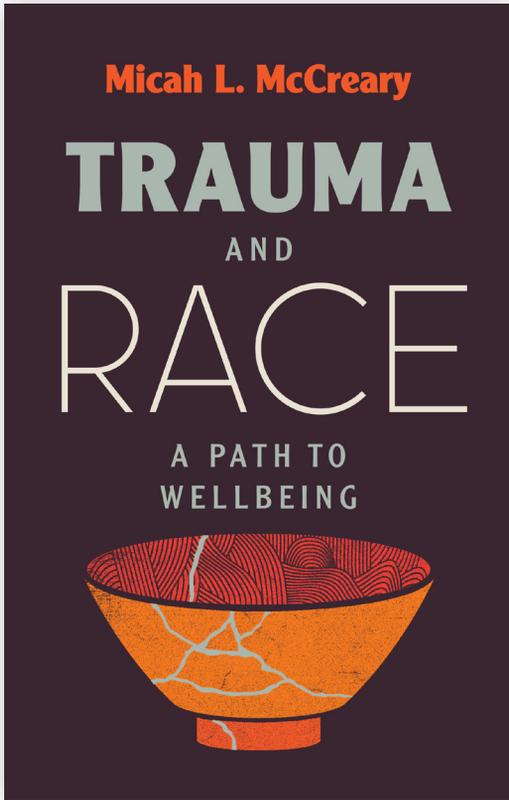
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\$28.99

POL014000 POLITICAL SCIENCE
/ Law Enforcement
SOC030000 SOCIAL SCIENCE /
Penology
BIO032000 BIOGRAPHY &
AUTOBIOGRAPHY / Social
Activists



Lacino Hamilton is a writer, thinker, and activist who was incarcerated for twenty-six years due to a wrongful conviction for which he was exonerated in September 2020. His essays on prison abolition have appeared in *Truthout*, *The New Inquiry*, *PEN America*, *The Michigan Citizen*, and the *San Francisco Daily*. He lives in Michigan.



Trauma and Race

A Path to Wellbeing

MICAH L. MCCREARY

Equips healers and the healing with tools to address abuse, discrimination, and maltreatment.

This book is about trauma-informed counseling with racially traumatized African (Black), Latino/a/x, Asian, and Native (Indigenous) Americans (ALANAs). ALANAs face the difficulties of systemic racism and experiences of trauma. Any attempt by trauma-informed professionals to help or heal must consider the intersection of race and trauma. Counselors working with race and trauma must use a trauma-informed blueprint to address trauma issues. Comprehending the components and intersectionality of trauma and race is critical to healing and strengthening hurting people, particularly ALANAs. The book explores the matters of race and trauma through discussions of sociological issues; the intersectionality of race, gender, and class; and benign neglect of ALANAs.

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Hardcover 5.75 x 8.75

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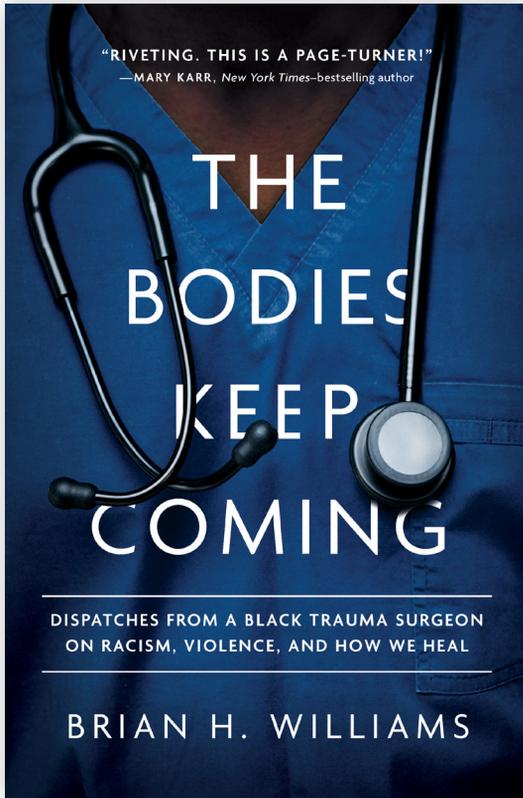
REL050000 RELIGION / Christian Ministry / Counseling & Recovery

REL074000 RELIGION / Christian Ministry / Pastoral Resources



MICAH L. MCCREARY is the president of New Brunswick Theological Seminary, a Licensed Clinical Psychologist, the John H. Livingston Professor of Theology (NBTS), and a Reformed Church in America General Synod Professor of Theology. He is currently the principal investigator of the WELL program, a grant to help African American and Hispanic American pastors with their wellbeing. He has also served as a pastor, youth director, and consultant to churches for over thirty years.

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The Bodies Keep Coming

Dispatches from a Black Trauma Surgeon on Racism, Violence, and How We Heal

BRIAN H. WILLIAMS

A tour de force that diagnoses the structural root of the violence that plagues us all.

As a Harvard-trained physician, Williams learned to keep his head down and his scalpel ready. As a Black man, he learned to swallow the rage when patients told him to take out the trash. Just days after the tragic police shootings of two Black men, Williams tried to save the lives of police officers shot in Dallas in the deadliest incident for US law enforcement since 9/11. Thrust into the spotlight in a nation that loves feel-good stories about heroism more than hard truths about racism, Williams came to rethink everything he thought he knew about medicine, injustice, and what true healing looks like.

Now, in raw and intimate detail, Williams narrates not only the events of that night in 2016, but the grief and anger of a Black doctor on the front lines of trauma care. Working in the physician-writer tradition of Atul Gawande and Damon Tweedy, Williams diagnoses the roots of the violence that plagues us. He draws a through line between white supremacy, gun violence, and the bodies he tries to revive, and he trains his surgeon's gaze on the structural ills that manifest themselves in the bodies of his patients.

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BIO017000, BIOGRAPHY &
AUTOBIOGRAPHY / Medical (incl.
Patients)
SOC070000, SOCIAL SCIENCE /
Race & Ethnic Relations
POL004000, POLITICAL SCIENCE /
Civil Rights



Dr. Brian H. Williams is an Air Force Academy graduate, a Harvard-trained surgeon, a former congressional health policy advisor, and a nationally recognized leader at the intersection of public policy and structural racism, gun violence, and health equity. He has treated gun violence victims for more than two decades. Williams has served as a

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellow at the National Academy of Medicine and as a professor of trauma and acute care surgery at the University of Chicago Medicine. Williams and his work have been featured in outlets like the *Chicago Tribune*, *Dallas Morning News*, CNN, and *Newsweek*.

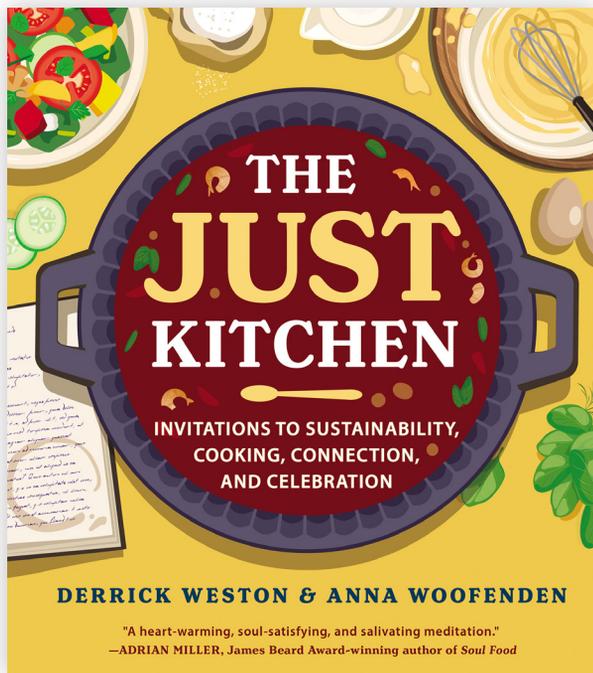
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The Just Kitchen

Invitations to Sustainability, Cooking, Connection, and Celebration

**DERRICK WESTON &
ANNA WOOFENDEN**

Join the call of a just kitchen: where meal preparation is as much an act of resistance against injustice as marches and protests.



For food and faith writers and podcasters Derrick Weston and Anna Woofenden, *The Just Kitchen* is about a passion for food, sharing meals, showing hospitality, and understanding cultures, faith traditions, food histories, and local foodways.

Derrick and Anna's authentic podcast conversations spill over the pages of this book and explore how the kitchen can be a place where the things we care about most in the world are reflected in the foods we prepare and the way we prepare them. In a world where disconnection from the earth, our food, our faith, and each other is becoming the norm, Weston and Woofenden bring together voices of hope who are working for a world of organic reconnections. They invite us to dig deeply into the complexity of ecology and food systems, as well as how faith communities are connected to them.

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Hardcover 8 x 9
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\$29.99

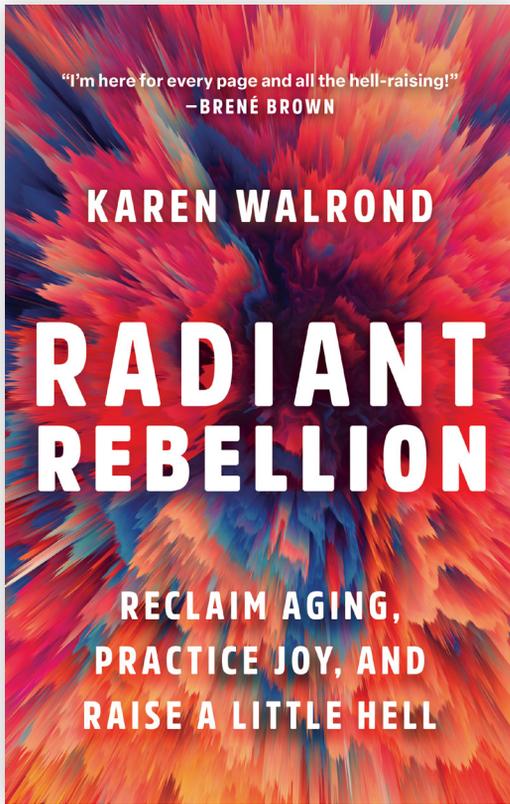
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REL012120, RELIGION / Christian Living / Spiritual Growth
HOM022000, HOUSE & HOME / Sustainable Living



DERRICK WESTON has long been an engaged community organizer focused on growing food and addressing food insecurity. Now he serves as the theological education and training coordinator for Creation Justice Ministries. A documentary filmmaker, producer, and cohost of *The Food and Faith Podcast*, Derrick is a firm believer in using one's voice and the media to inspire and enact social change. He and his wife, Shannon, have four children and live outside of Baltimore, Maryland.



ANNA WOOFENDEN is the founding pastor of the Garden Church, the author of *This Is God's Table: Finding Church beyond the Walls*, the cohost of *The Food and Faith Podcast*, and currently the priest at St. John's Episcopal Church in Northampton. Anna is based in Easthampton, Massachusetts, with her husband, David, and their beloved daughter.



Radiant Rebellion

Reclaim Aging, Practice Joy, and Raise a Little Hell

KAREN WALROND

Join the radiant rebellion in this intriguing investigation into how we can reclaim aging, cultivate joy, and resist ageism.

Lightmaker's Manifesto
978-1-5064-6994-2
Hardcover 5.5 x 8.5
234 pages
\$26.99

During her own year of transition—a milestone birthday, a wedding anniversary, the emptying of the nest—Walrond, in the buoyant and luminous style her readers have come to love, does a deep dive into dimensions of getting older, including health, beauty, spirituality, connection, adventure, and meaning and purpose. Through conversations with social workers and neurologists, activists and clergy, Walrond satisfies her curiosity—and ours—about why the dominant culture treats aging as a time of dwindling capacity. She also embarks on a series of experiments that help her rebel against convention: letting her hair go naturally gray, going on a silent retreat, revamping her health practices, and plotting her next adventure.

Internalized ageism—bias against our future selves—is not our only option; we can write a different story of aging than the one we've been handed. With wisdom from luminaries who light our way, Walrond helps us radiantly rebel against the fads and assumptions that hold us back, redefine the adventure of getting older, and create a shining future of expanded potential. We might even raise a little hell while we're at it! A resources section offers journal prompts and strategies for creating a handbook for your own radiant rebellion.

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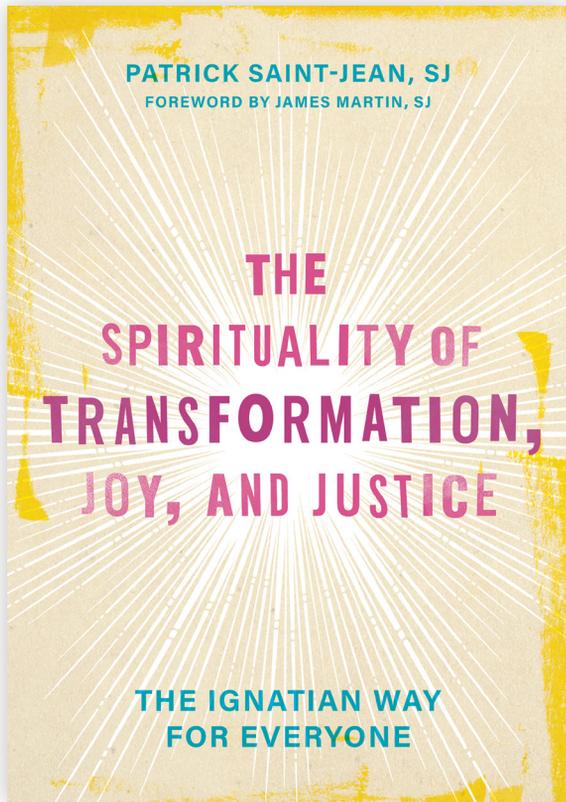
Imprint: Broadleaf Books
978-1-5064-8763-2
Hardcover 5.5 x 8.5
242 pages
\$27.99

SEL016000 SELF-HELP / Personal Growth / Happiness
SEL005000 SELF-HELP / Aging
SOC013000 SOCIAL SCIENCE / Gerontology



KAREN WALROND is the author of *The Lightmaker's Manifesto: How to Work for Change without Losing Your Joy* and a lawyer, leadership coach, and activist. In her work, she has helped thousands of people around the world find purpose and meaning in their lives. Karen and her

work have been featured on Brené Brown's *Unlocking Us* podcast, PBS, *Huffington Post*, CNN.com, and *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. A sought-after speaker, Karen is also the author of *The Beauty of Different*, and her award-winning blog, *Chookooloonks*, is a lifestyle, inspiration, and photography destination. Karen and her family reside in Houston, Texas.



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The Spirituality of Transformation, Joy, and Justice

The Ignatian Way for Everyone

PATRICK SAINT-JEAN

Discover how rooting our beliefs and practices in relationship—with each other, the natural world, and the Source of All Life—leads us to transform ourselves and the world.

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Ignatian spirituality appeals to many of us who are looking for purpose and meaning, and who are wondering how to live out that purpose in a way that addresses the brokenness of our world.

At the heart of this thoughtful introduction to Ignatian spirituality are the Spiritual Exercises, developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola of Spain. Using ordinary language, these meditations point to the ways in which this spiritual path not only “grows our souls” but also inspires us to defend human rights, respect and listen to other cultures, find common ground between science and religion, struggle for justice, and honor a Divine Spirit who is actively at work in each aspect of our world. As twenty-first-century spiritual seekers, we do not need to be Jesuits, Catholics, or even Christians to make use of Ignatius’s methods; some of history’s most important thinkers—from René Descartes to Carl Jung—were influenced and inspired by the Spiritual Exercises. Let them guide you to transformation in the ordinary, everyday world.

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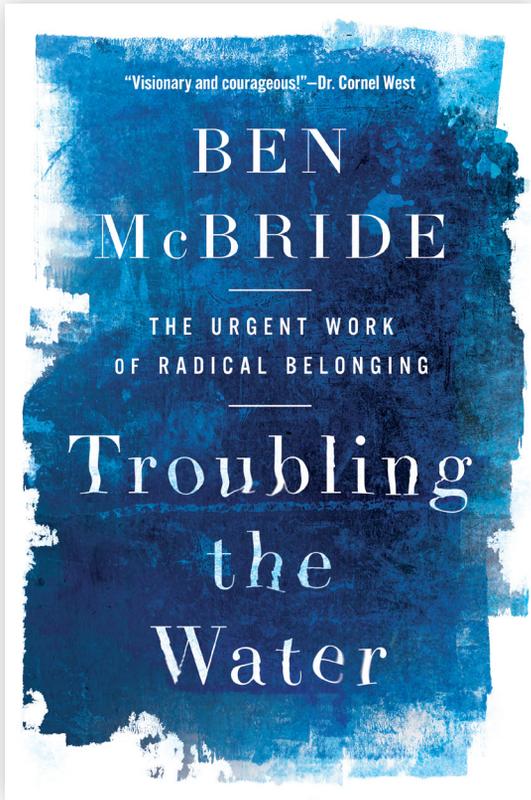
REL010000 RELIGION / Christianity / Catholic

REL062000 RELIGION / Spirituality

OCC011020 BODY, MIND & SPIRIT / Healing / Prayer & Spiritual



PATRICK SAINT-JEAN is a psychoanalyst by training and a passionate practitioner of Ignatian spirituality. Born in Haiti and now living in the US, he is a regent at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, where he teaches in the Department of Psychology. A spiritual director and speaker, he’s also the author of *The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice: A Month of Meditations with Ignatius of Loyola*.



Troubling the Water

The Urgent Work of Radical Belonging

BEN MCBRIDE

Can you imagine a future that includes your enemies? If not, what happens next? What would it take to truly belong to each other?

From one of the most courageous and visionary leaders of our time comes *Troubling the Water*, an immersive book about the violence and injustice that threaten to drown us all. Activist Ben McBride recounts how he first waded into the water: from the Kill Zone in Oakland, where he moved with his young family, to the uprising in Ferguson, to the moral impoverishment of the white evangelical church. In the truth-telling tradition of Bryan Stevenson and Bishop William Barber, McBride leads us right into the fury and fragmentation of our moment, and then steadies us once we're there.

Radical belonging, McBride argues, means looking at our implicit biases, at our faulty understandings of power, and at how we "other"—or "same"—people. Sometimes it even means troubling the waters—speaking hard truths in situations that appear calm but that cloak injustice. With a blend of provocation and good humor, McBride leads us beyond inaction on the one hand and polemic on the other. What results is an indelible manifesto—a troublemaking reverend's call to the most urgent task of our time.

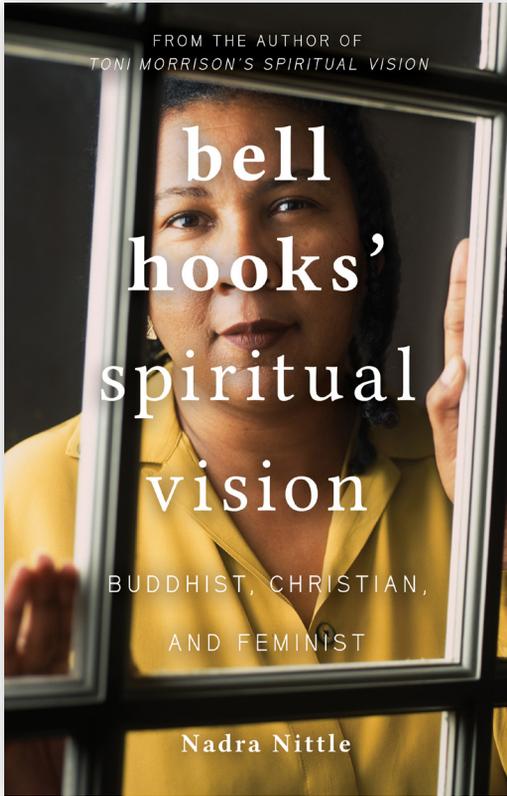
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Activism & Social Justice
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Race & Ethnic Relations
BIO002010 BIOGRAPHY &
AUTOBIOGRAPHY / CULTURAL,
ETHNIC & REGIONAL / African
American & Black



REV. BEN MCBRIDE is an internationally recognized faith leader, activist, and sought-after speaker who has spoken to large audiences in the US, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the Middle East. McBride is the founder of the Empower Initiative and the Bring the HEAT campaign, and he served as director of PICO California. McBride was featured in the Sundance Film Festival Award-winner *The Force*, and in 2020 the Center for American Progress listed him as one of the top faith leaders to watch. McBride lives in Oakland, California, with his wife, Gynelle, and their three daughters.

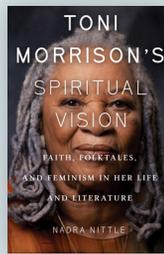


bell hooks' Spiritual Vision

Buddhist, Christian, and Feminist

NADRA NITTLE

The role of spirituality in hooks' writing on life, love, feminism, and society.



Toni Morrison's Spiritual Vision
Faith, Folktales, and Feminism in Her Life and Literature

978-1-5064-7151-8
Paperback 5.5 x 8.5
192 pages
\$24.00

When Black feminist and scholar bell hooks died in 2021, she was widely remembered for writing more than three dozen books across genres including memoir, poetry, theory, and criticism. However, it was her book *Ain't I a Woman*, in which hooks examines how Black American women have historically faced gender, class, and racial oppression, that catapulted her to prominence as a leading feminist thinker.

Nadra Nittle makes it clear that hooks identified not only as a feminist but also as a Buddhist Christian. In *bell hooks' Spiritual Vision*, Nittle recounts how hooks kept her spiritual practice private for years, fearing there was no room to discuss her faith in the feminist movement or in the academy. Ultimately, hooks decided to talk and write about her faith to give hope to students curious about her source of strength in a society she deemed an "imperialist white supremacist capitalist patriarchy."

Nittle traces the influences of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh as hooks developed a spiritual practice centered on love as a force for social change. Although hooks opened up about her spiritual philosophy in the last decades of her life, Nittle argues that hooks' contributions to religious discourse are largely unheralded. *bell hooks' Spiritual Vision* reflects her identity as a feminist and a believer who knit together her political and spiritual practices.

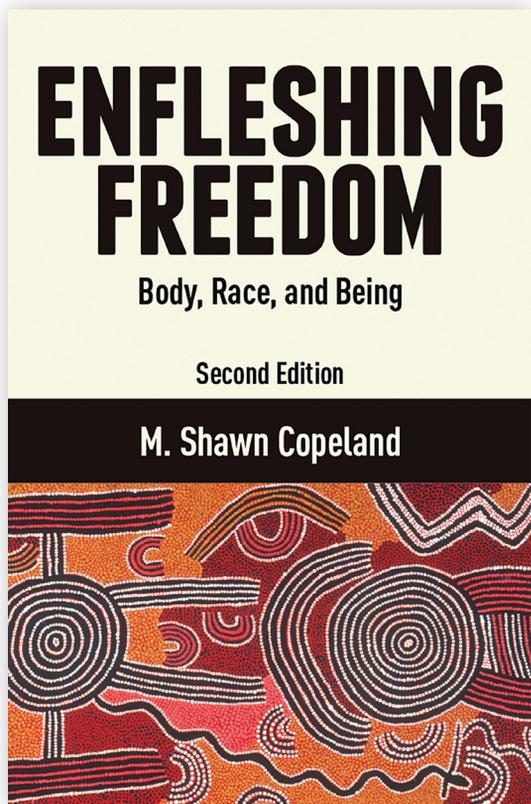
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REL062000 RELIGION / Spirituality
SOC001000 SOCIAL SCIENCE /
African American & Black Studies
SOC010000 SOCIAL SCIENCE /
Feminism & Feminist Theory



Nadra Nittle is an award-winning Los Angeles-based journalist. She has most recently been a staff reporter for The 19th News, which focuses on the intersection of gender and policy. Her writing has appeared in a variety of outlets, including *The Guardian*, NBC News, BBC News, and *The Atlantic*. Nittle is the author of *Toni Morrison's Spiritual Vision*, which is part of a three-book series to examine the spiritual vision of three African American luminaries. Her forthcoming book, *James Baldwin's Spiritual Vision*, is expected in 2024.



Enfleshing Freedom

Body, Race, and Being, Second Edition

M. SHAWN COPELAND

The achievement of our humanity comes about only through immersion in concrete, visceral, embodied relational experience, yet for many human beings, that achievement is stamped by the struggle against oppression in history, society, and religion.

In this incisive and important work, distinguished theologian M. Shawn Copeland demonstrates with rare insight and conviction how Black women’s historical experience and oppression cast a completely different light on our theological ideas about being human. Copeland argues that race, embodiment, and relations of power reframe not only theological anthropology but also our notions of discipleship, church, Eucharist, and Christ. *Enfleshing Freedom* is a work of deep moral seriousness, rigorous speculative skill, and sharp theological reasoning. This new edition incorporates recent theological, philosophical, historical, political, and sociological scholarship; engages with current social movements like #BlackLivesMatter and #MeToo; and presents a new chapter on the body.

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REL067020, RELIGION / Christian Theology / Anthropology



M. SHAWN COPELAND is professor emerita of systematic theology at Boston College. She has been president of the Catholic Theological Society of America. She has taught at Marquette University, Yale University Divinity School, and the Institute for Black Catholic Studies, Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans.

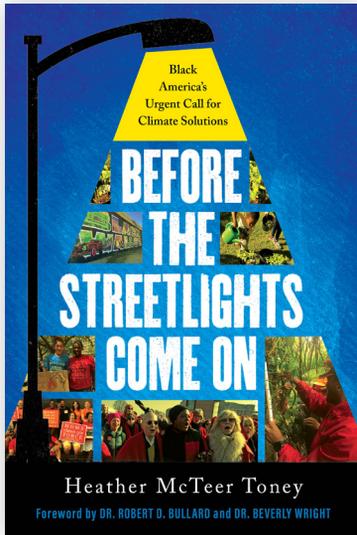
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★ NEW RELEASE

★ YOUNG ADULT

Before the Streetlights Come On

Black America's Urgent Call for Climate Solutions

HEATHER MCTEER TONEY

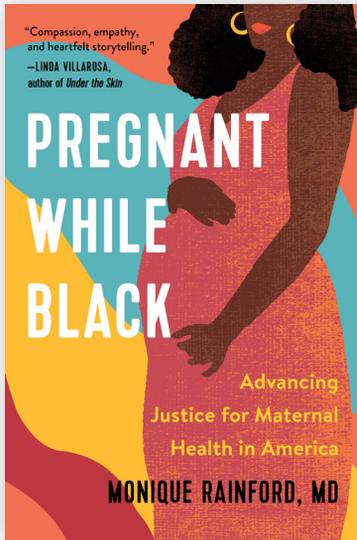
Climate activist Heather McTeer Toney illuminates the central role of Black communities in the movement for climate justice, offering a practical, first-step guide to getting involved and creating change in your own backyard.



HEATHER MCTEER TONEY is an attorney, environmentalist, speaker, and writer. She was the first Black, first female, and youngest mayor elected in Greenville, Mississippi, at age twenty-seven. In 2014, she was appointed by President Barack Obama as regional administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency's Southeast Region. Formerly the senior director

for Moms Clean Air Force, Toney is now vice president of community engagement for the Environmental Defense Fund. She is a frequent guest on numerous shows and networks including CNN, Apple's *The Problem with Jon Stewart*, MSNBC, Democracy Now!, and Fox News. McTeer Toney lives with her husband and three children in Oxford, Mississippi.

SOC072000 SOCIAL SCIENCE / Activism & Social Justice
SOC001000 SOCIAL SCIENCE / ETHNIC STUDIES / AMERICAN / African American & Black Studies
SCIO92000 SCIENCE / Global Warming & Climate Change



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★ NEW RELEASE

Pregnant While Black

Advancing Justice for Maternal Health in America

MONIQUE RAINFORD

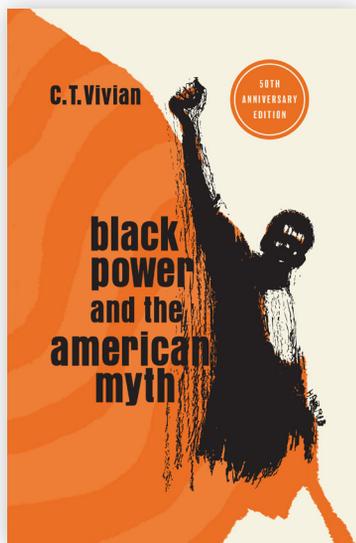
Drawing on over twenty years of experience in obstetrics and gynecology, Dr. Monique Rainford offers this groundbreaking primer on adverse maternal-health outcomes for Black women and what can be done to improve them.



MONIQUE RAINFORD, MD, is a board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist with over twenty years' experience. An award-winning graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard Medical School, she is currently an assistant professor at Yale Medicine. Her writing about maternal and other health disparities experienced by Black women has been

featured in multiple publications, including *Afro*, *Elephant Journal*, and the *Hartford Courant*, and her broader work related to women's health and wellness has been featured in the *South Florida Times*, the *Baltimore Sun*, *Thought Catalog*, and the *Journal of Reproductive Medicine*. She lives in Connecticut with her husband and two children.

SOC001000 SOCIAL SCIENCE / ETHNIC STUDIES / AMERICAN / African American & Black Studies
HEA041000 HEALTH & FITNESS / Pregnancy & Childbirth
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Black Power and the American Myth

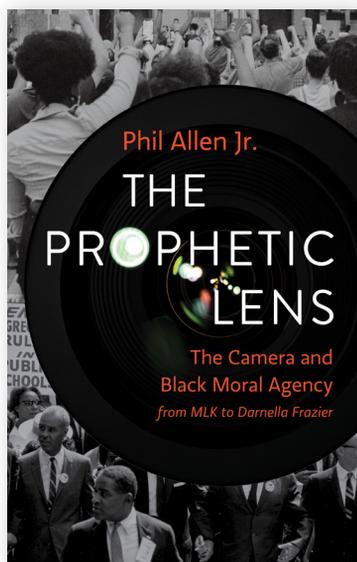
CT VIVIAN

In 1970, Vivian authored the first book written by a member of King's staff entitled *Black Power and the American Myth*. Fortress Press is proud to offer a 50th anniversary reprint of this acclaimed book.



DR. C.T. VIVIAN (1924–2020) is best known for his work with Martin Luther King Jr. and was the national director of affiliates and strategist for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference organization. Vivian also developed and launched VISION, an education program that assisted over 700 Alabama students to attend college on scholarship. In November 2013, President Barack Obama awarded Vivian with the nation's highest civilian honor—the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

SOC001000 SOCIAL SCIENCE / Ethnic Studies / American / African American & Black Studies
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The Prophetic Lens

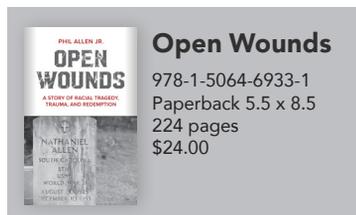
The Camera and Black Moral Agency from MLK to Darnella Frazier

PHIL ALLEN JR.

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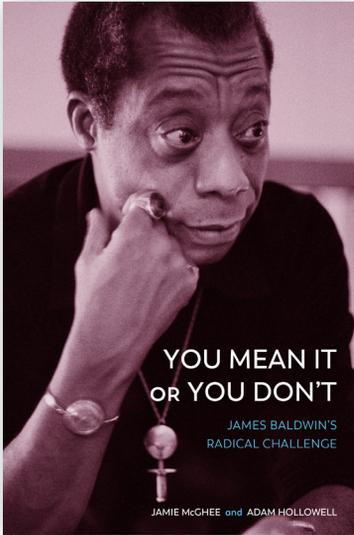
PHIL ALLEN JR. is founder of the nonprofit organization Racial Solidarity Project based in Los Angeles. A pastor, filmmaker, PhD in Christian ethics, and host of the podcast *Intersections*, Allen is passionate for dialogue, resistance, and solutions to the problem of systemic racism. He was recently named a Pannell Center for Black Church Studies Fellow at Fuller Theological Seminary. His research on Black Church theology, liturgy, and ethics further undergirds his own ethics of justice, healing racial trauma, and racial solidarity.



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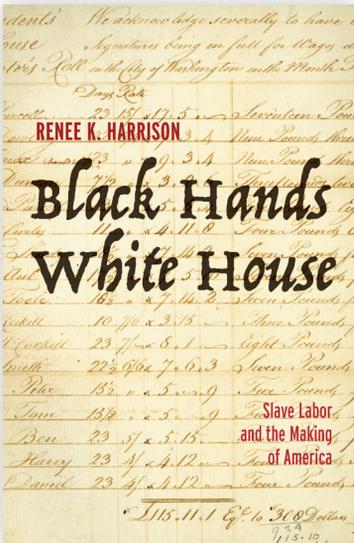
JAMIE MCGHEE is a novelist, playwright, and essayist. For her fiction, she was named a James Baldwin Fellow in Saint-Paul de Vence, France, and a Sacatar Fellow in Itaparica, Brazil. She has also been awarded artist residencies at Blue Mountain Center in New York, Zentrum für Kunst Urbanistik in Germany, and Sa Taronja Associació Cultural in Spain. With ties to the eastern US, she is now based in Berlin, Germany.



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Slave Labor and the Making of America

RENEE K. HARRISON

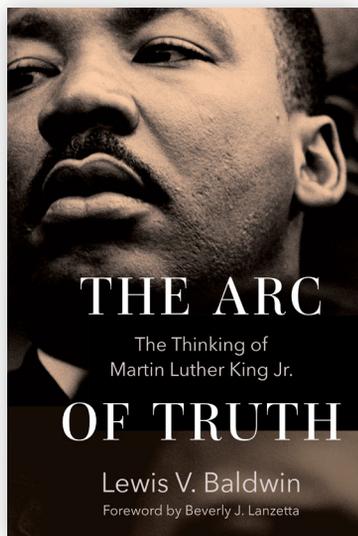
Not only did slave hands lay the stones for America's capitol, but on the backs of slaves America amassed its wealth.



RENEE K. HARRISON is an associate professor of African American and US religious history at Howard University. She joined the School of Divinity faculty in the fall of 2010. She is the author of *Enslaved Women and the Art of Resistance in Antebellum America* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009) and coauthor, with Jennie Knight, of *Engaged Teaching in Theology and Religion* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015).

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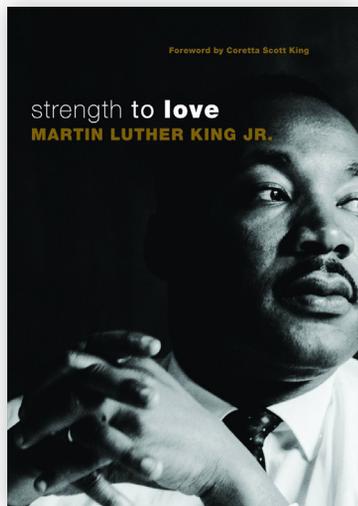


LEWIS V. BALDWIN is professor emeritus of religious studies at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. He is the author of *There Is a Balm in Gilead: The Cultural Roots of Martin Luther King, Jr.* (1991); *To Make the Wounded Whole: The Cultural Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.* (1992); and *Never to Leave Us Alone: The Prayer Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.* (2010).

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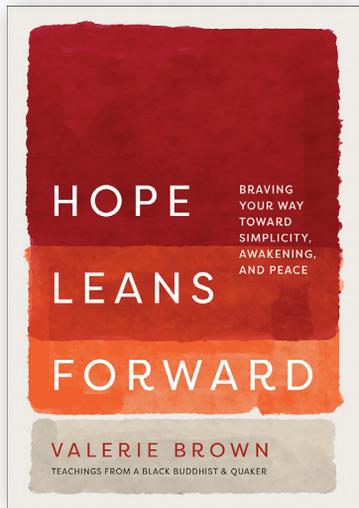
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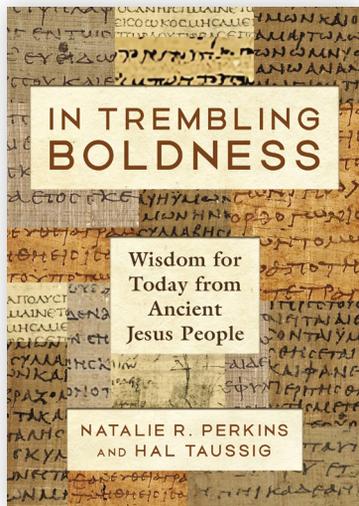
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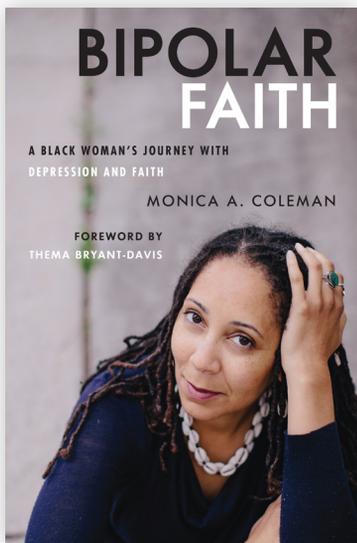


HAL TAUSSIG is a retired professor and United Methodist pastor. He has published fourteen books including *After Jesus, Before Christianity* and *A New New Testament*. He and his work have been featured in numerous media outlets including the *New York Times*, National Public Radio, and the History Channel. He lives near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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MONICA COLEMAN is professor of Africana Studies at the University of Delaware, where she works with projects in public humanities. Her memoir, *Bipolar Faith*, won a Silver Illumination Award, and she was named one of Sojourners' 10 Christian women to watch in 2018. Coleman's writing covers Black and womanist theologies, Indigenous spirituality, and religious

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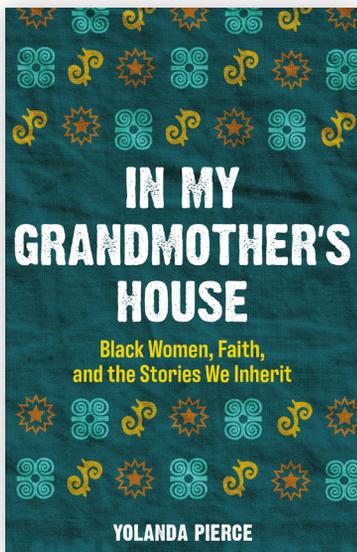
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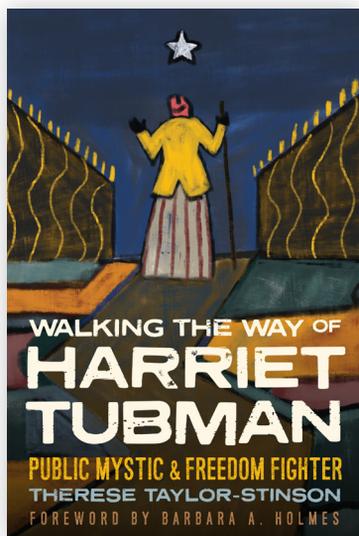
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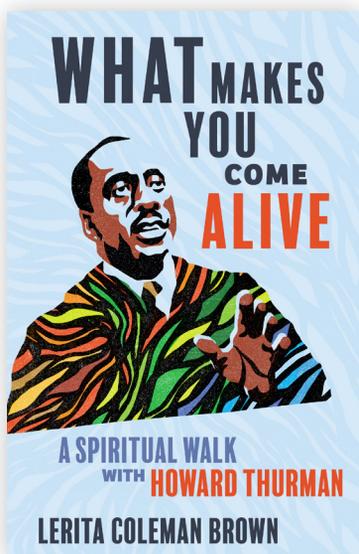
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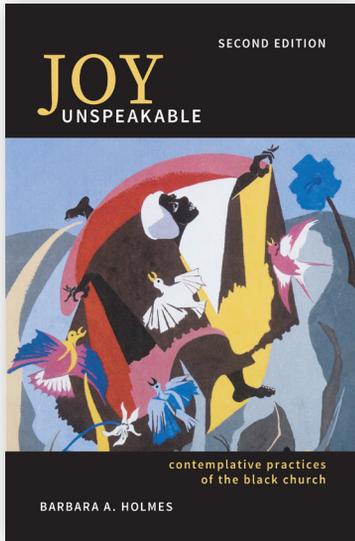
volume, and *When the Heart Speaks, Listen: Discovering Inner Wisdom*. She has been featured in PBS documentaries about Howard Thurman and the Black church. She lives in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

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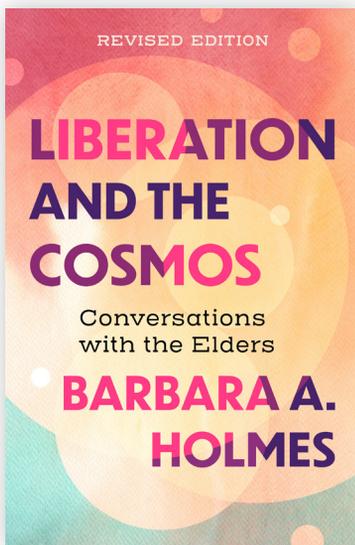
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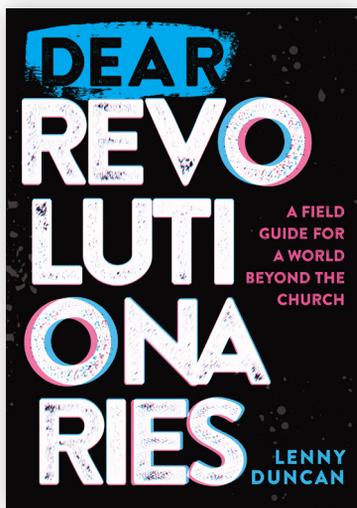
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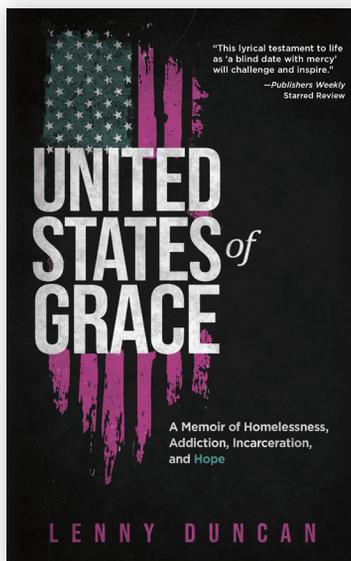
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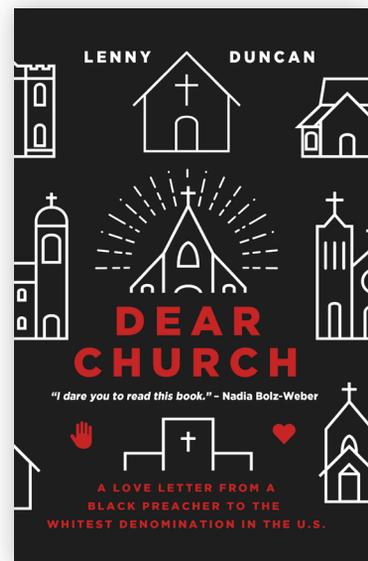
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lenny duncan (they/them) is a writer, speaker, scholar, and media producer working at the forefront of racial justice in America. lenny is the co-creator of the podcast BlackBerryJams with PRX. A PhD student in historical and cultural studies of religion, lenny is currently investigating the theft of African spiritual thought by white American Esotericism. lenny is originally from West Philadelphia, has hitchhiked thousands of miles on American byways, and now makes their home in the Pacific Northwest.

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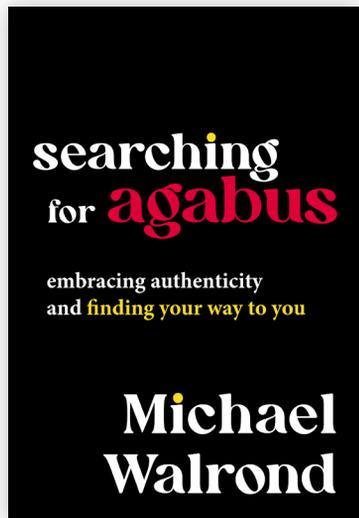
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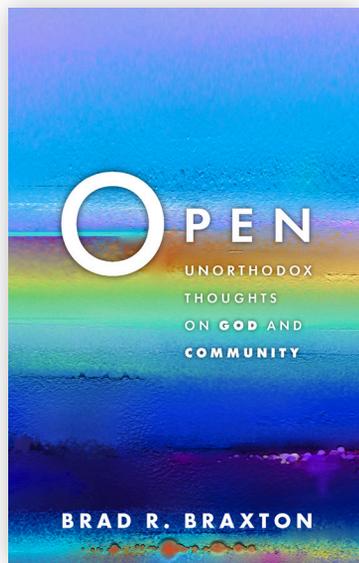
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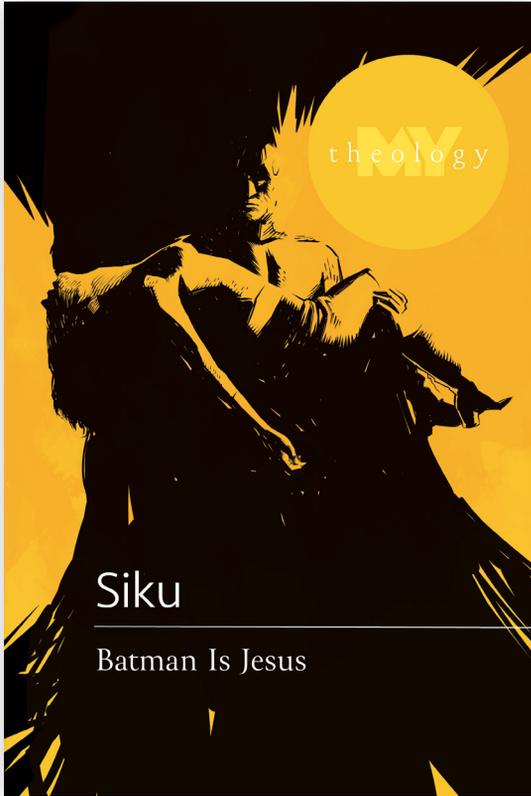
BRAD R. BRAXTON is president and professor of public theology at Chicago Theological Seminary. The founding senior pastor of The Open Church in Baltimore, he also is senior program advisor for Creative Encounters, a Smithsonian Institution initiative on religious diversity. Braxton holds a PhD in religion from Emory University and was a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford.

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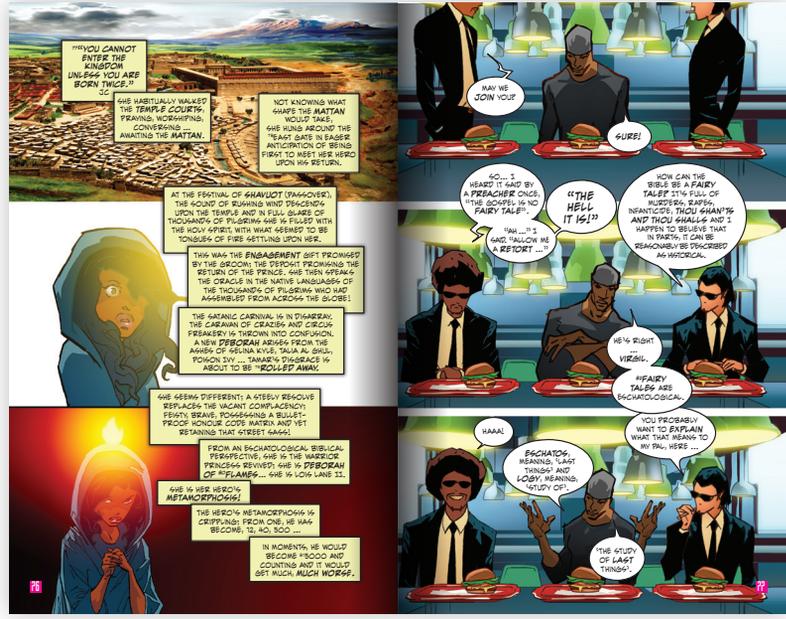
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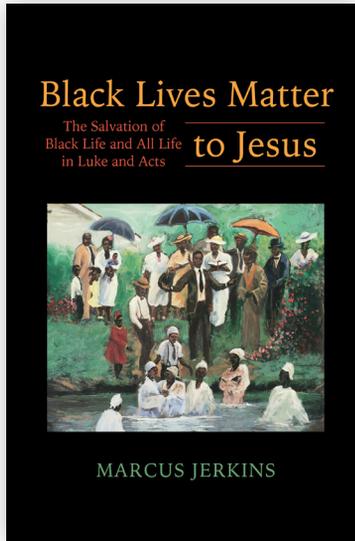


SIKU is an artist, author, theologian and musician, and one of Britain's leading comic book/concept artists, having created the bestselling *The Manga Bible* and worked for 2000 AD as artist on titles such as *Judge Dredd* and *Sláine*. He has also worked for Marvel UK and COM X, and developed video games as Visuals Director, winning an IGN award for innovation. He has appeared on several national TV shows in the UK, from *The Big Breakfast* to *Songs of Praise*, and on radio, *Sunday Worship*, presenting *Daily Service*, and writing the 2017 Easter opera *At the Foot of the Cross*, all on BBC Radio 4. He has twice been runner-up in the Sermon of the Year contest and has been a nominee for the Jerusalem Trust's Award for Innovation.

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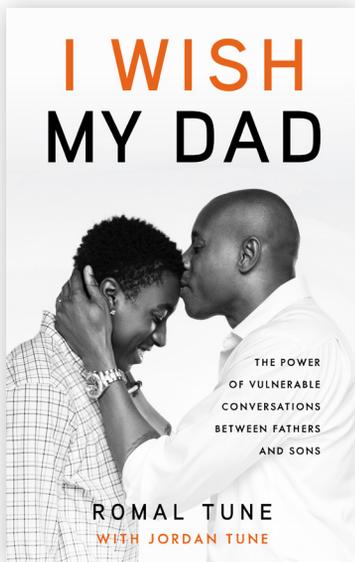
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REV. MARCUS JERKINS is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. He holds a BA in religion from Emory University, an MDiv and a ThM from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and a PhD in New Testament from Baylor University. His current research concerns the importance of Black-skinned people in the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Dr. Jerkins is also the pastor

of the Resurrection Baptist Church of Silver Spring, Maryland, the proud husband of Courtney A. Jerkins, and the loving father of three children, Nathaniel, Naomi, and Joanna.

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★ YOUNG ADULT

I Wish My Dad

The Power of Vulnerable Conversations between Fathers and Sons

ROMAL TUNE WITH JORDAN TUNE

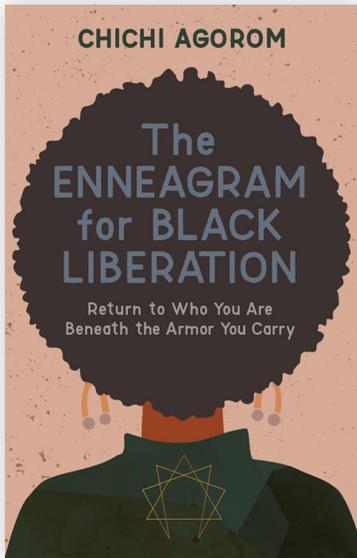
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ROMAL TUNE is a speaker, author, and social entrepreneur. He serves as a vice president at TMS Global and is the founder of ClereStory Education, a nonprofit that offers workshops and coaching about mental health. Tune is a graduate of Howard University and Duke Divinity School and has spoken internationally at conferences addressing topics of inner healing,

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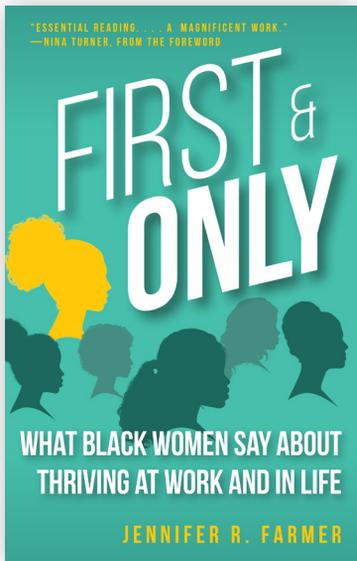
CHICHI AGOROM

This fascinating book uses the Enneagram as a tool to help Black readers remember their wholeness and worth that existed long before systems of supremacy told them they were not enough.



CHICHI AGOROM, Certified Enneagram Teacher with The Narrative Enneagram, writer, and psychotherapist, is a lifelong student of what it means to be fully human. She holds a master of arts in clinical mental health counseling from Denver Seminary and a post-master's certificate in marriage and family therapy. She lives in Los Angeles.

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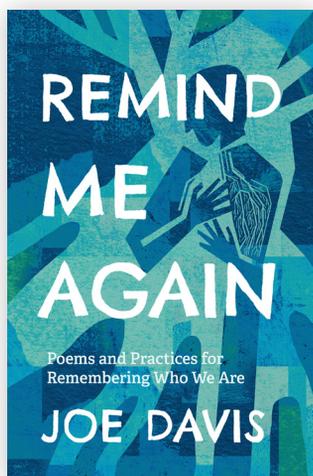
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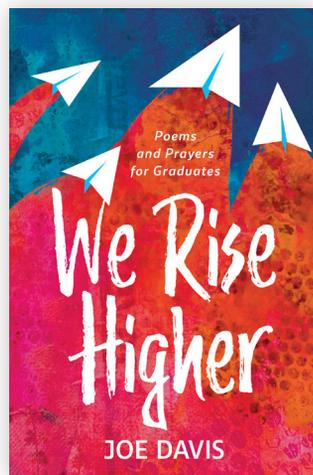
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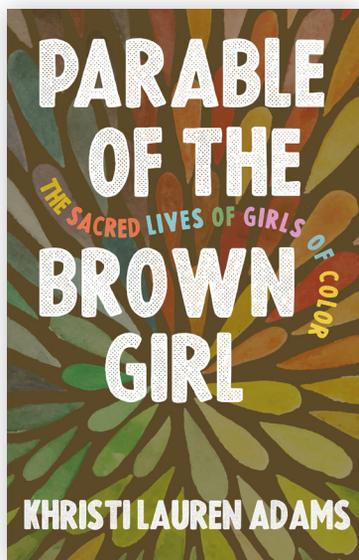
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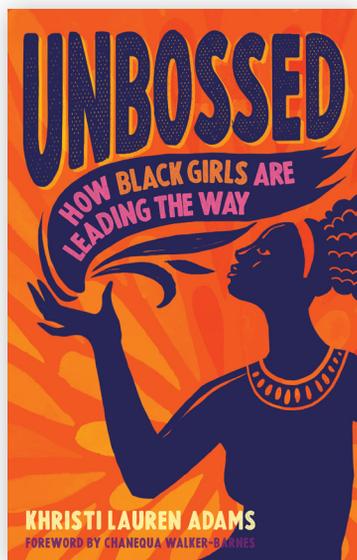
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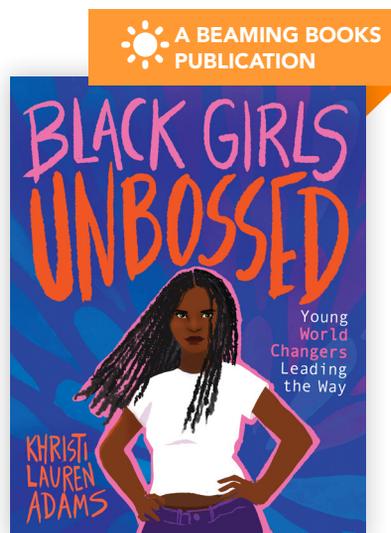
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KHRISTI LAUREN ADAMS is a speaker, advocate, ordained Baptist minister, and award-winning author of *Parable of the Brown Girl*. She is the founder and director of The Becoming Conference, designed to empower, educate, and inspire teenage girls. Her ministry and youth advocacy have been featured on CNN, and her work has appeared in *Huffington Post*, *Off the Page*, and the Junia Project. She is currently the dean of Spiritual Life & Equity at The Hill School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

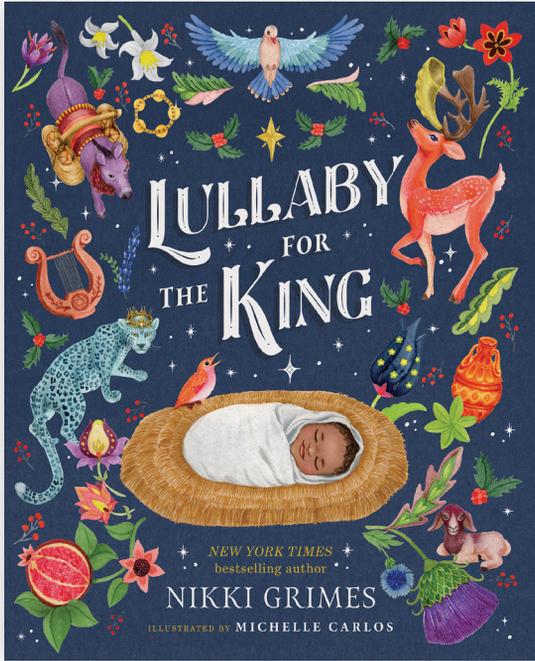
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Lullaby for the King

NIKKI GRIMES

ILLUSTRATED BY MICHELLE CARLOS



"The caravan traveled through wilderness, uphill and down, for hours that spun into days.

Then at last, glittering diamond-bright, Bethlehem appeared through the haze."

An awe-inspiring Christmas tale from multi-award-winning poet Nikki Grimes. With glittering poetry and stunning watercolor artwork, *Lullaby for the King* ushers readers into the awe and wonder of the Christmas story.

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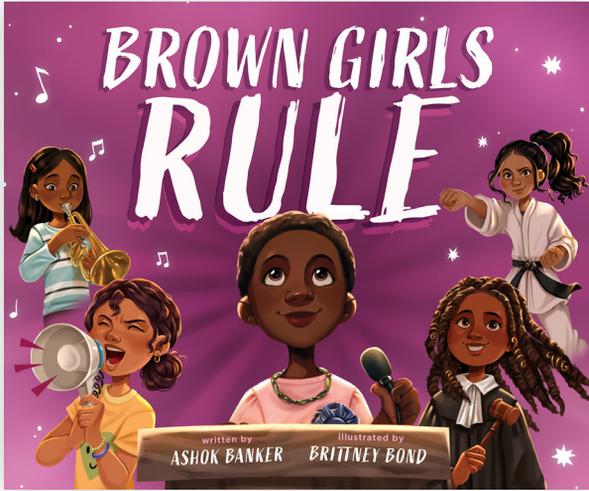


NIKKI GRIMES is a *New York Times* bestselling author and the recipient of the 2022 Virginia Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award, the 2020 ALAN Award, the 2017 Children's Literature Legacy Award, and the 2006 NCTE Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children. Her works include *Garvey's Choice*, *Bedtime for Sweet Creatures*, *Southwest Sunrise*, *Bronx Masquerade*, *Ordinary Hazards*, *One Last Word*, *Legacy: Women Poets of the Harlem Renaissance*, and *Kamala Harris: Rooted in Justice*. Ms. Grimes lives in Corona, California.



MICHELLE CARLOS is a Filipina illustrator based in Germany. Her art is largely informed by her lucid dreams, childhood memories, and global perspective based on her life abroad and travels with her husband. On Christmases away from her birthplace, Michelle makes traditional lanterns while singing carols and drinking warm tea.





Brown Girls Rule

ASHOK K. BANKER
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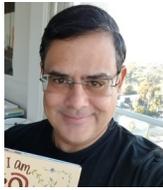
“We are brown.
We are beautiful.
We are perfect.”

An empowering acclamation for girls bearing melanin of all kinds, *Brown Girls Rule* centers and uplifts girls of color in an inspiring poem that is one part love letter, two parts battle anthem. Ashok Banker and Brittney Bond bring this song to life with a brilliant array of brown girls as politicians, athletes, scientists, teachers, queens, and leaders in countless other roles where brown girls rule. Triumphant and uplifting, this picture book is a powerful reminder for girls of color that they may be young, but they are mighty.

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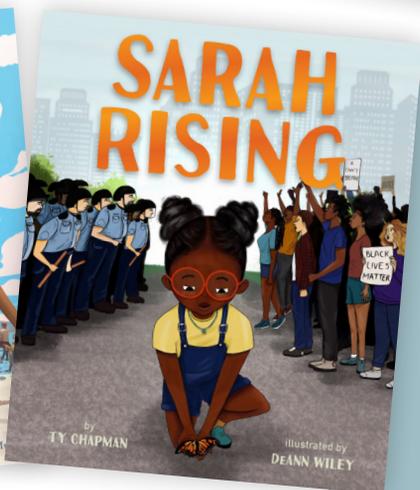
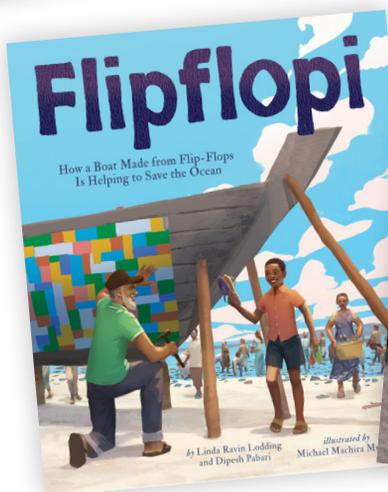
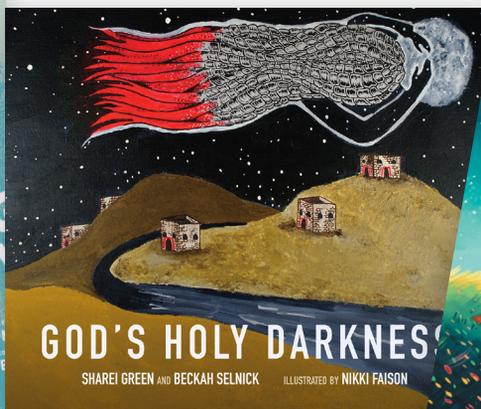
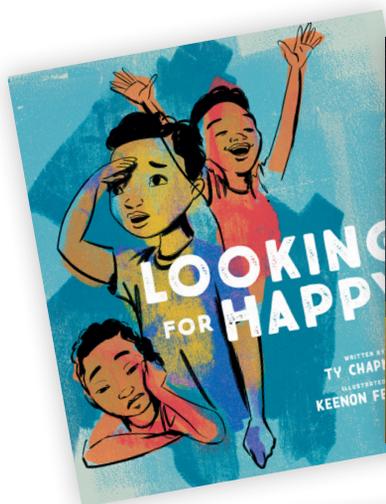
ASHOK BANKER is widely acknowledged for pioneering English-language genre fiction in India, having authored over 80 books in various categories. As a neurodivergent (AuDHD) and non-binary writer, they are passionate about inclusivity and representation. Their debut picture book *I am Brown* won the Bank Street College Prize, made the Book Trust Great Books list, and was translated into several languages. They currently live with their family in Southern California.

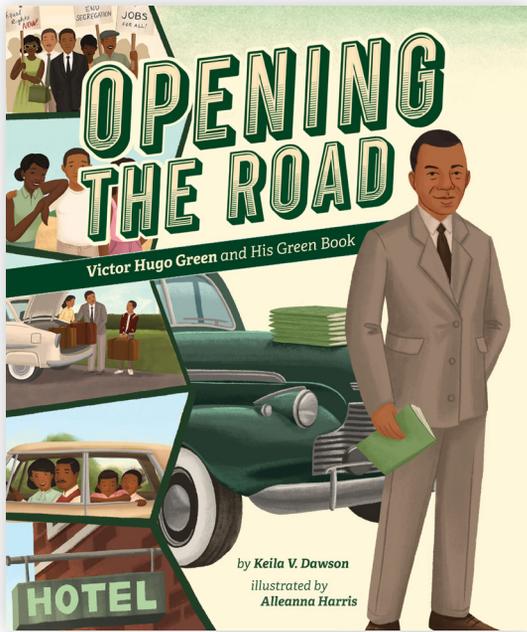


BRITNEY BOND was born in sunny South Florida to a Jamaican family. She is currently based on the East Coast. A self-taught artist, she works primarily digitally with a passion for using appealing color palettes, intriguing lighting, and a magical and positive aura throughout her illustrations.



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Opening the Road

Victor Hugo Green and His Green Book

KEILA V. DAWSON

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The man behind the travel guide that opened the road for a safer, more equitable America.

In the late 1930s when segregation was legal and Black Americans couldn't visit every establishment or travel everywhere they wanted to safely, a New Yorker named Victor Hugo Green decided to do something about it. Green wrote and published a guide that listed places where his fellow Black Americans could be safe in New York City. The guide sold like hot cakes! Soon customers started asking Green to make a guide to help them travel and vacation safely across the nation too. With the help of his mail carrier co-workers and the African American business community, Green's guide allowed millions of African Americans to travel safely and enjoy traveling across the nation.

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A former elementary school teacher, **KEILA DAWSON** is an author and editor of children's books, including *No Voice Too Small: Fourteen Young Americans Making History* and *The King Cake Baby*. She lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she writes for the Reading for Research Month (ReFoReMo) blog and reviews books for



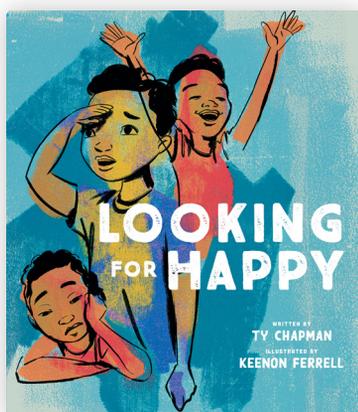
ALLEANNA HARRIS is a New Jersey-based children's book illustrator. She has previously illustrated several picture books, including *Making Their Voices Heard: The Inspiring Friendship of Ella Fitzgerald and Marilyn Monroe*, *Patricia's Vision: The Doctor Who Saved Sight*, and *The Journey of York: The Unsung Hero of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*.

Help young readers wrestle with real-life realities like injustice and mental health.

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TY CHAPMAN is the author of *Sarah Rising* (Beaming 2022); *Looking for Happy* (Beaming 2023); *A Door Made for Me*, written with Tyler Merritt (WorthyKids 2022); as well as multiple forthcoming children's books through various publishers, and a forthcoming poetry collection through Button Poetry. He is currently an MFA candidate in creative writing for children and young adults at Vermont College of Fine Arts.



Looking for Happy

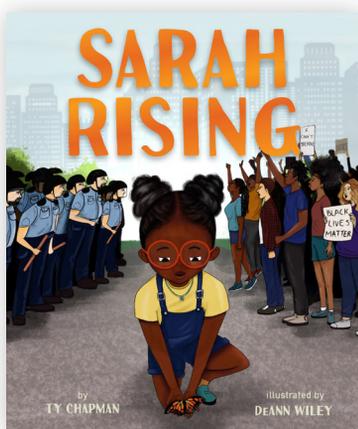
TY CHAPMAN
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Every day is different. Some days everything goes right—you're in the groove and feeling like yourself. But some days, it's a lot harder to find happy because everything is just blah. This picture book gently reminds readers that it's normal to have happy and sad days and normalizes speaking about emotions and seeking help. Heartfelt and hopeful, the story models emotional intelligence and self-awareness for readers of all ages.



KEENON FERRELL is a digital animator and illustrator based in NYC. He likes to make artwork that is sassy with lots of attitude and emotion. He especially likes artwork inspired by music, fashion, and sports.

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Sarah Rising

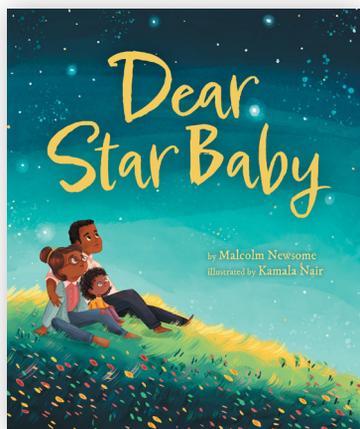
TY CHAPMAN
ILLUSTRATED BY DEANN WILEY

Sarah starts her day like any other day: she eats her toast and feeds her bugs. But today isn't a day like any other day. Today, her dad brings her to a protest to speak out against police violence against Black people. Inspired by the protests that happened during the Minneapolis Uprising after the police killing of George Floyd, *Sarah Rising* provides a child's-eye view of a protest. Readers will gain a new appreciation for how important it is to be part of a community of people who protect each other.



DEANN WILEY is a Detroit-based artist who has been painting traditionally for over five years. She recently broke into the digital art world and shares her artwork with a large online audience. She is an advocate for social justice and is dedicated to making art that is authentic and intentional in empowering Black, queer, fat, and disabled people.

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Dear Star Baby

MALCOLM NEWSOME
ILLUSTRATED BY **KAMALA NAIR**

Poignant and sensitively told, this story will help families who have lost a baby to miscarriage or stillbirth grieve and move forward together.



MALCOLM NEWSOME is a children's book author and cybersecurity expert from the Chicago area. He is a married father of five who has a deep passion for telling stories of hope and possibilities. After the first three children were born, his family suffered multiple miscarriages. He hopes his debut picture book, *Dear Star Baby*, will bring healing to the millions of other

families who experience this kind of grief.



KAMALA NAIR grew up in Kerala, a small southern coastal state in India, surrounded by exotic wildlife, stunning beaches, lush green hills, and turquoise backwaters. She is a professional architect and an illustrator. Her works are inspired by a harmonious blend of nature, patterns, and architecture. In addition to *Dear Star Baby*, she is the illustrator of *Kamala Is Speaking*, by Shasta Clinch and *The Leaping Laddoo* by Harshita Jerath.

Nair loves to travel and immerse herself in the beauty of culture, history, architecture, and people worldwide.

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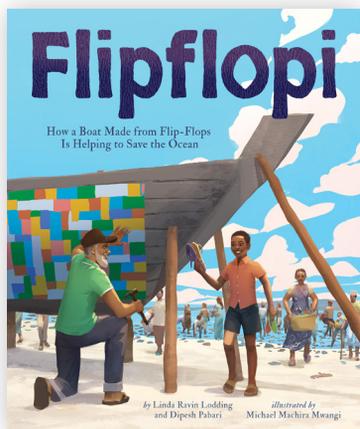
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New Baby



Flipflop

How a Boat Made from Flip-Flops Is Helping to Save the Ocean

DIPESH PABARI & LINDA RAVIN LODDING
ILLUSTRATED BY **MICHAEL MICHIRA MWANGI**

Juma wants to go fishing with Babu Ali. But when they get to the beach, it's full of plastic waste and flip-flops washed up from the ocean. Juma thinks the flip-flop floating in the water looks like a boat, and that gives Babu Ali an idea.



DIPESH PABARI is an eco-leader, educator, waste plastic innovator, and one of the founders of the Flipflop Expedition. He lives in Kenya.



LINDA RAVIN LODDING is an award-winning author of eight picture books, including *Painting Pepette*. When she's not writing, Linda is head of communications for a children's rights organization that focuses on a child's right to a healthy environment. Originally from New York, she now lives in Sweden.



MICHAEL MACHIRA MWANGI is a self-taught digital artist. He lives in Kenya.

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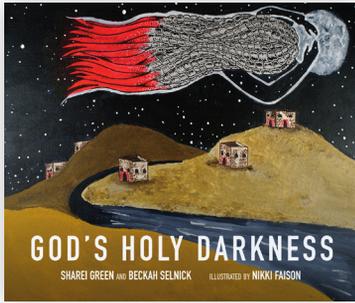
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God's Holy Darkness

SHAREI GREEN & BECKAH SELNICK
ILLUSTRATED BY NIKKI FAISON

In *God's Holy Darkness*, Sharei Green and Beckah Selnick deconstruct anti-Blackness in Christian theology by celebrating instances in the story of God's people when darkness, blackness, and night are beautiful, good, and holy. Perfect for reading and anti-racist reflection in worship and as an affirmation and celebration with children.

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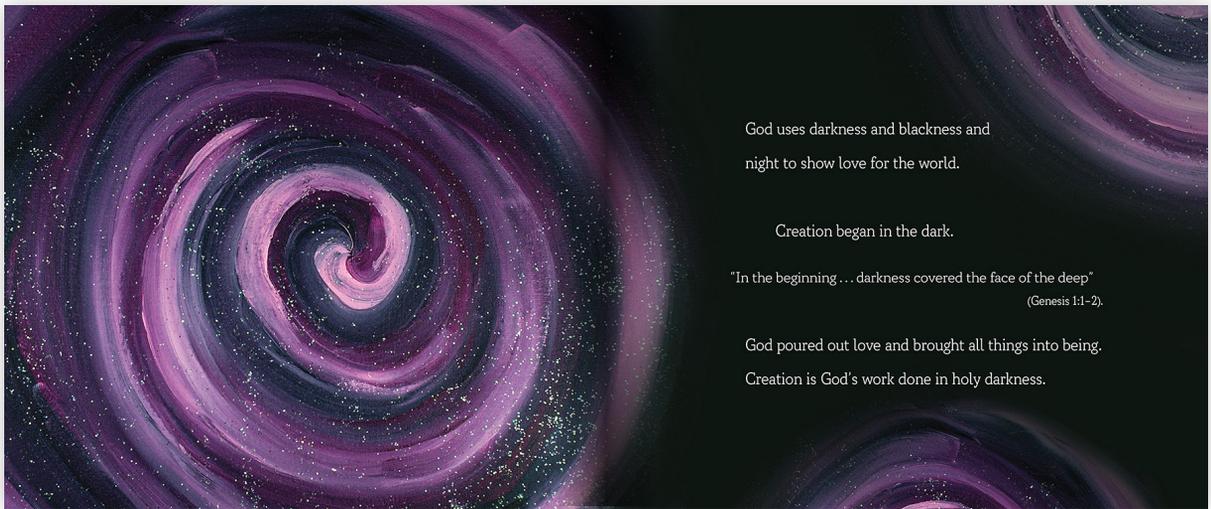
SHAREI GREEN is pursuing a master of divinity as a seminarian at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Green has a strong commitment to community healing and sabbath, especially in BIPOC communities. You can find her writings online at *Living Lutheran*, *Gather* magazine, and *Café* magazine.



BECKAH SELNICK is a writer focusing on storytelling for digital formats. She is the host and creator of *PK/ PK Podcast*. Selnick is living at the intersection of faith, funny, and feminism in Portland, Oregon.



NIKKI FAISON is a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America serving as the program director for African Descent Ministries. Faison is the creator of *MONadvocacy*, a racial justice resource grounded in play. She is passionate about queer Black liberation, cultivating diverse leadership in faith spaces, and the art of creation. She resides in the Chicagoland area with her spouse, daughter, and two cats, Penne Pablo and Rigatoni Braxton.



God uses darkness and blackness and
night to show love for the world.

Creation began in the dark.

"In the beginning . . . darkness covered the face of the deep"
(Genesis 1:1-2).

God poured out love and brought all things into being.

Creation is God's work done in holy darkness.

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