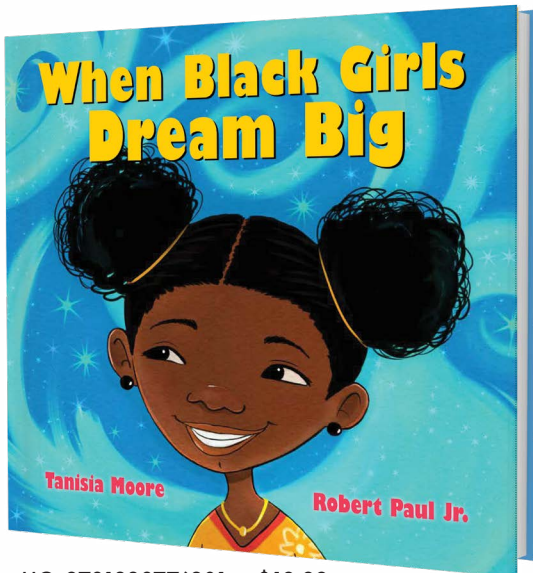


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When I dream big, I can do anything!

When Black Girls Dream Big is a striking companion to *I Am My Ancestors' Wildest Dreams* and celebrates Black female achievement. In this inspiring tribute to Black girl pride and excellence, a young child discovers her place in a radiant heritage. As she meets twelve extraordinary Black women—historic and contemporary heroines who have blazed a trail to her own future success—she internalizes their strength as she sets out to change the world, in her own way.

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Tanisia Moore views writing as her avenue for giving hope, sharing life's lessons, and sparking imaginations. Her companion picture books *I Am My Ancestors' Wildest Dreams* and *When Black Girls Dream Big* empower young readers to dream and live big, and remind them of their strength and potential. She lives in Birmingham, Alabama, with her husband and three young children. Learn more at tanisiamoore.com.

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Robert Paul Jr. has a love for people and everyone's unique story. He hopes to help children lead fun, positive, and enriched lives through storytelling. Illustrating *When Black Girls Dream Big* allowed him to pay tribute to the legacy of the prolific Black women in the story, as well as the countless Black women throughout history and his own life who have inspired him. Robert lives in Houston, Texas, with his family. You can see more of his work at steadfast.tv.

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A NOTE ABOUT READING THIS BOOK WITH CHILDREN

Children learn about the world, and their place in it, by observing adults' behavior. The ways in which society treats people who share a child's identities informs that child's understanding of their own worth and what is expected of them, now and in the future. For Black girls, these expectations are often limiting and harmful, and can contribute to internalized racism (when a member of a marginalized group adopts negative beliefs about their own race or ethnicity). You can help prevent internalized racism from taking hold by acknowledging the existence of racism and counterbalancing the limiting messages society sends to—and about—Black girls by explicitly sharing positive messages regarding their identity and potential.

Learning about—and identifying connections with—those who have accomplished great things encourages children to envision an exciting future for themselves. In *When Black Girls Dream Big*, the narrator sees herself in twelve historic and contemporary Black women she admires, taking inspiration from their actions and identifying herself with their traits: clever, courageous, groundbreaking, heroic, and more.

While this book focuses on women, it is not only for girls! Children of all genders—and races—must learn to value Black women and girls. Systems of oppression will be dismantled when all groups treat each other with the utmost respect, value differences, and celebrate the greatness of people who don't share their identities. Use this book's boundless energy to help young readers recognize their own worth—and that of the girls and women in their lives.

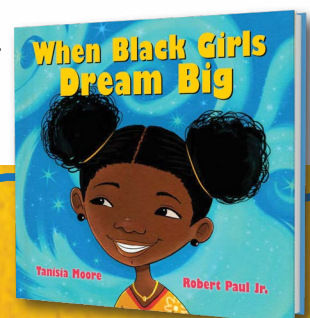
HERE ARE SOME TIPS FOR USING THIS BOOK WITH CHILDREN:

- Discuss the power of identifying with positive descriptions and help children find traits they identify with. For example, if a child doesn't think of herself as strong, can she remember a time when she displayed strength, or find a way to recognize her innate strength?
- Discuss the concept of potential. Throughout our lives, we develop and exhibit different strengths and skills, and everyone has something to contribute to the world. Encourage children to dream big about how they might grow into their potential, keeping in mind their unique passions and abilities.
- Invite children to consider the ways that small good deeds can add up to greatness, and help them identify opportunities to perform their own good deeds. For example, the book's narrator volunteers in her community by visiting elders, planting trees, and more.
- Explore societal barriers that specifically impact girls and women, using the back matter as an entry point. Acknowledge the systems and beliefs that uphold these barriers, but do not belabor the challenges; rather, emphasize the determination it took for these women to achieve their dreams, and assure children that they can do the same!

After reading and discussing the book, use the activities on this poster to help children apply the positive concepts in the book to their own lives. Happy reading!

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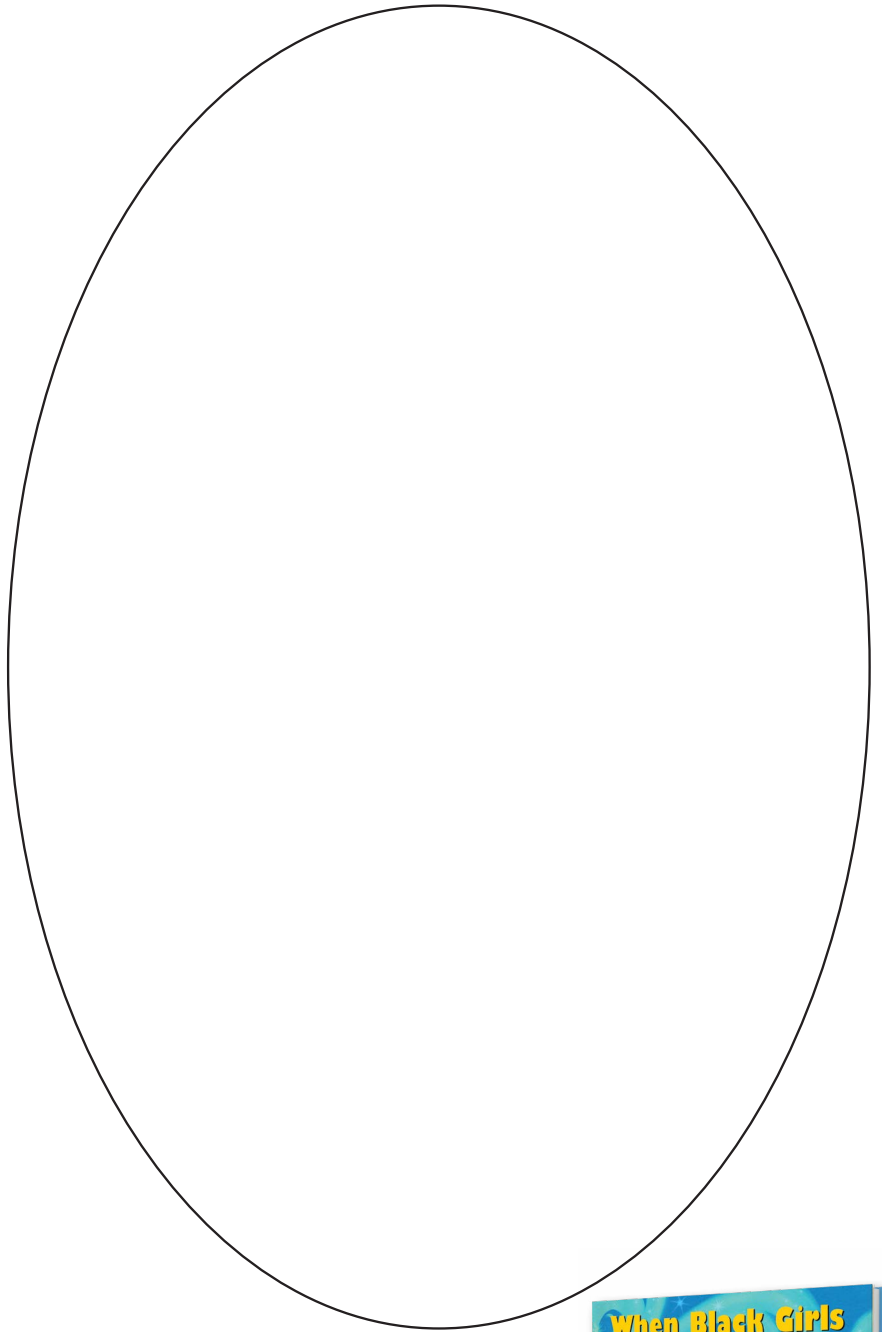
A LITTLE ABOUT ME

The longer you live, the more roles you will play and the more you will accomplish. But you are already somebody! Use the profiles in the back of the book as a model to share about yourself. Draw a portrait of yourself, or something that represents you, in the frame. Write your name and some important facts about your life and the way you see the world. Then write a quote to inspire others to be their best!

Name: _____

Important Facts: _____

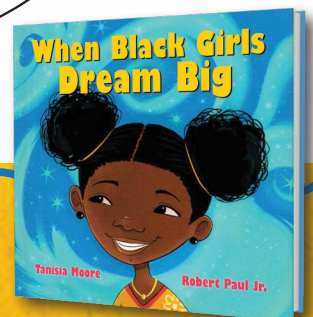
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I CAN DO ANYTHING

On the pages that say “When I dream big, I can do anything,” the girl in the story is shown doing simple acts of kindness, like carrying donations and bringing flowers to elders. What are some acts of kindness you like to do in your family or community? Use the space below to draw yourself bringing joy to others, or write about a time when you did something kind or helpful and felt good about it.

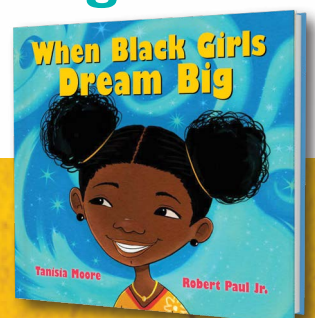
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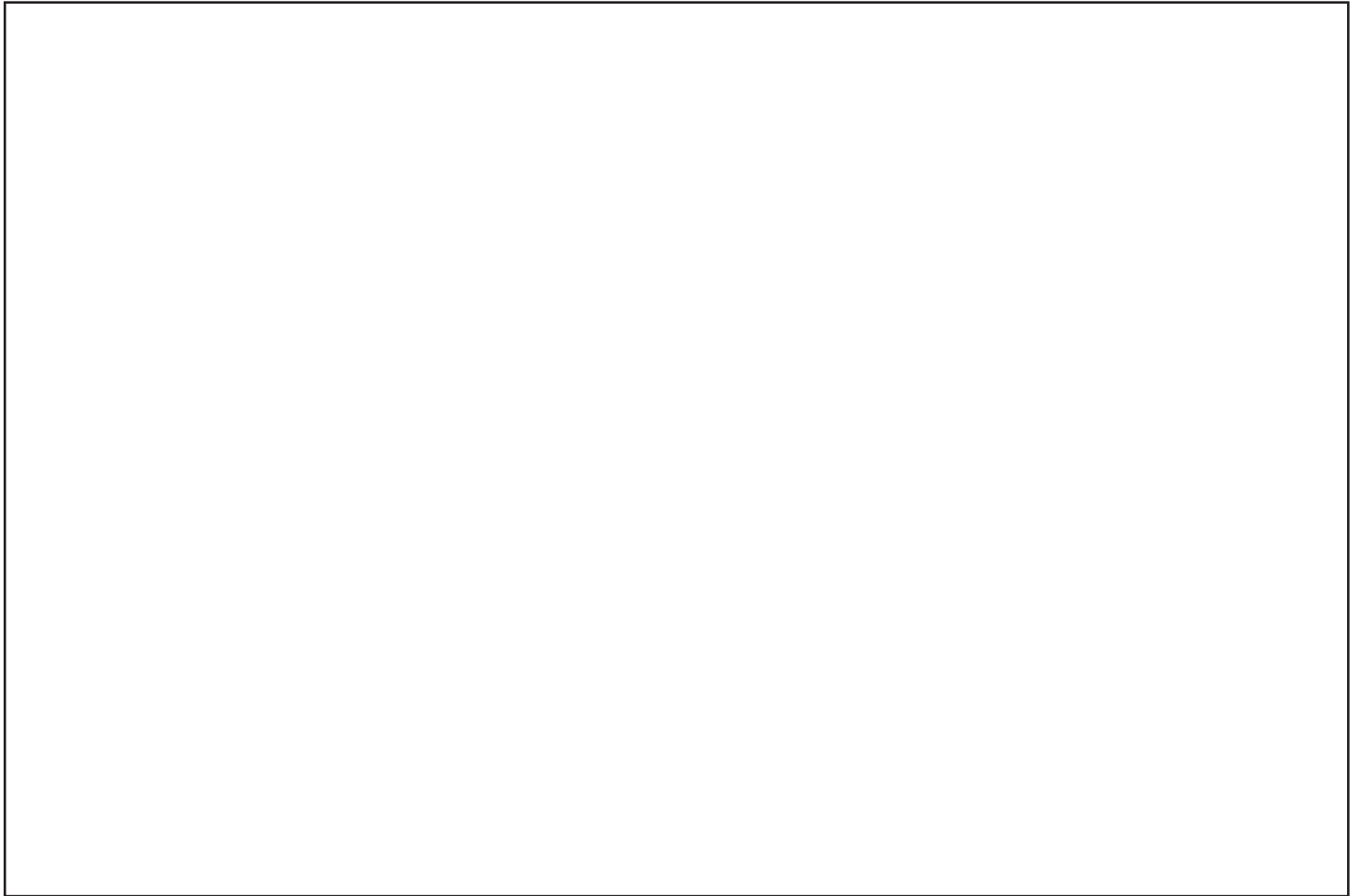
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A QUEEN IN MY LIFE

The book references African kings and queens, and Black royalty. In the final image, Harriet Tubman is shown wearing a crown. Think of a woman you know who is like a queen to you. Maybe it's her strength, her smarts, her leadership, or something else about the way she shows up in the world. Draw a picture of this woman and show what you think of her by placing a crown over her head. Use the lines below to write her name and some of her qualities that you admire. When you're finished, you can gift her the drawing if you like.



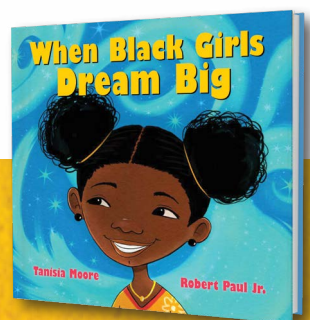


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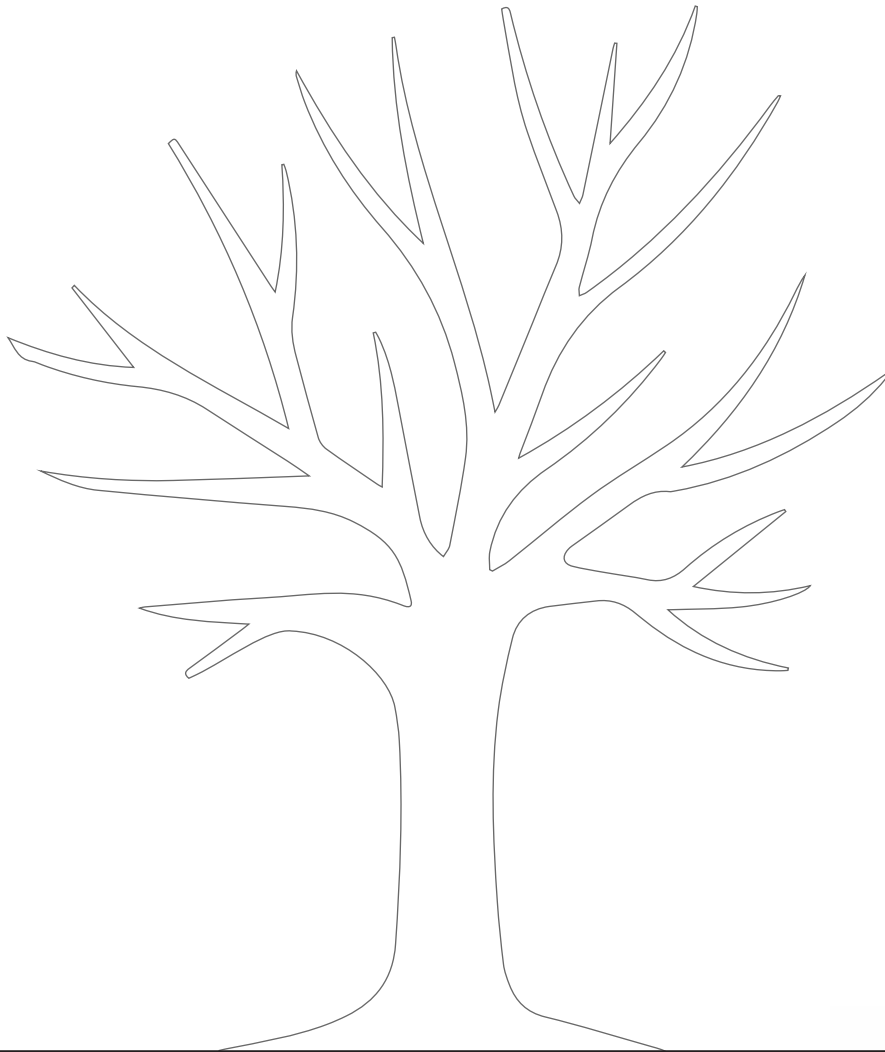
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GROWING TREE

As trees grow, they take up more space. As people grow, they can develop their positive traits. The author chose to highlight the women in this book because of the gifts they've given to the world. She uses words like "magnificent" and "majestic" to describe these women and the girl who is inspired by them. On the tree below, write the traits you already practice on the leaves near the bottom, and write the traits you are growing into on the leaves near the top. Add more branches and leaves for more dreams and goals. Display this tree somewhere you will see it regularly to remind yourself who you are becoming!

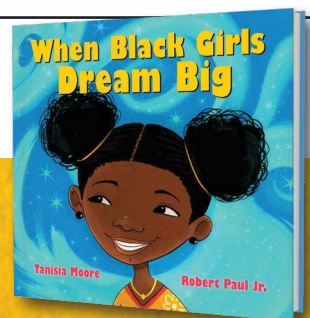


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