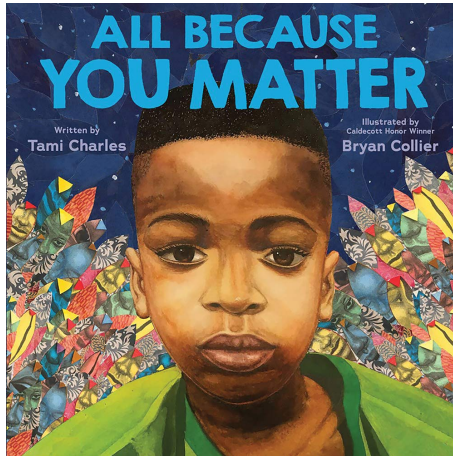


“All Because You Matter” by Tami Charles



About *All Because You Matter*: Tami Charles pens a poetic, lyrical text that is part love letter, part anthem, assuring readers that they always have, and always will, matter. This powerful, rhythmic lullaby reassures readers that their matter and their worth is never diminished, no matter the circumstance: through the joy and wonder of their first steps and first laughter, through the hardship of adolescent struggles and the pain and heartbreak of current events, they always have, and always will, matter.



About The Author:

Tami Charles writes picture books, middle grade, young adult, and nonfiction. Her middle grade debut novel, *LIKE VANESSA*, was selected by the Junior Library Guild for its spring 2018 collection. The American Bookseller's Association also selected *LIKE VANESSA* for its Indies Introduce Kids List for 2018. Her picture book, *FREEDOM SOUP*, debuts with Candlewick Press in fall 2019. Tami had the honor of appearing on Good Morning America, where she featured a Thanksgiving version of this popular holiday soup. Tami is also the author of four more books forthcoming with Albert Whitman & Co, Candlewick, and Charlesbridge. Tami resides in New Jersey with her husband and son.



Read Aloud Tips:

- This book can serve as an important conversation starter for kids of all ages.
- Spend time to study the illustrations with students and encourage them to share the feelings or thoughts they have.
- “All Because You Matter” is a wonderful reminder to students that they are cherished. Invite students to participate in a classroom discussion around positive individual differences and how these contribute to self-worth and value.

Additional Resources:

Find more information on other books that can be used in your class library at literacy.roosevelt.edu.