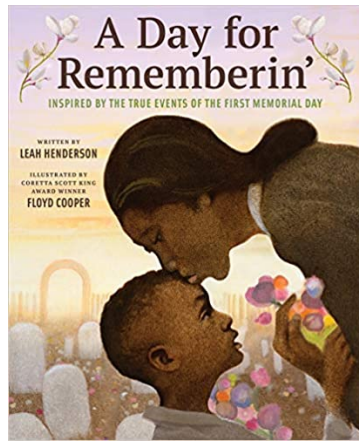


"A Day for Rememberin': Inspired by the True Events of the First Memorial Day" by Leah Henderson



About *A Day for Rememberin': Inspired by the True Events of the First Memorial Day*: Inspired by true events and told through the eyes of a young boy, this is the deeply moving story about what is regarded as the first Memorial Day on May 1, 1865. Eli dresses up in his best clothes, Mama gathers the mayflowers, Papa straightens his hat, and together they join the crowds filling the streets of Charleston, South Carolina, with bouquets, crosses, and wreaths. Abolitionists, missionaries, teachers, military officers, and a sea of faces Black, Brown, and White, they march as one and sing for all those who gave their lives fighting for freedom during the Civil War.



About The Author: Leah Henderson writes for young readers of all ages, and her books have been named a Children's Africana Book Awards Notable and a Bank Street Best Book. Leah holds an MFA in writing and is on the faculty of Spalding University's graduate writing program. She resides in Washington, D.C. Floyd Cooper has received a Coretta Scott King Award and three Coretta Scott King Honors for his illustrations. Mr. Cooper received a degree in fine arts from the University of Oklahoma. He lives in Easton, Pennsylvania, with his wife and children.



Read Aloud Tips:

- Introduce the book by discussing the era of the Civil War and what this time was like for Black Americans and those grieving their lost loved ones.
- Have students spend time observing the illustrations. At times, show the illustrations prior to reading the page to have students reflect and predict.
- Compare and contrast the Memorial Day in the book to Memorial Day in modern day. What is the same? What is different? Why was this holiday founded?

Additional Resources:

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

