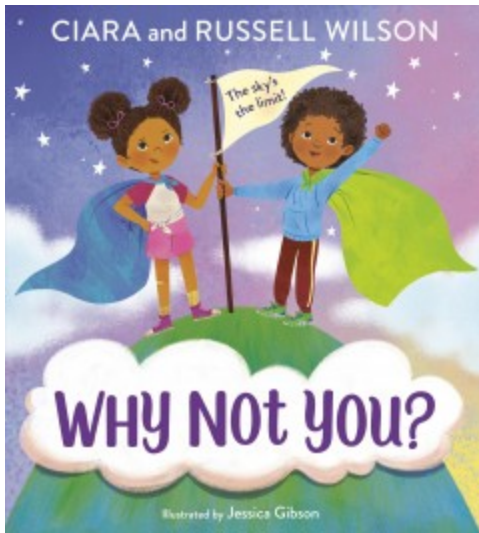


# YBR: Young Black Reader's Newsletter

Favorites

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## PICTURE BOOKS



### Why Not You by Ciara and Russell Wilson

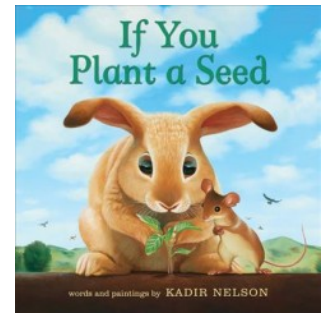
In this picture book debut, superstars Ciara and Russell Wilson teach readers to imagine their dreams no matter how big or small. Embracing all their gifts. It's a celebration of self-esteem and reaching for more than the stars. "Why not you? Amazing you! You're a winner! You're so strong! You are perfect and important, you and all your gifts belong!"



*Stacey's Extraordinary Words*  
by Stacey Abrams



*My Name Is A Story*  
by Ashanti



*If You Plant a Seed*  
by Kadir Nelson

## FEATURED AUTHOR: Dhonielle Clayton

Born and raised in Washington, D.C., Dhonielle Clayton is the New York Times bestselling author of the wonderful *Shattered Midnight* and *The Belles* series, as well as co-author of *The Rumor Game*, *Blackout* and *Tiny Pretty Things*. She also dabbles in helping the community as the COO of the non-profit *We Need Diverse Books*, and *Cake Creatives*. Her books speak to the middle grade as well as young adult. She's a wiz with a wicked pen and spreads her black girl magic wherever she goes.



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## CHAPTER BOOKS

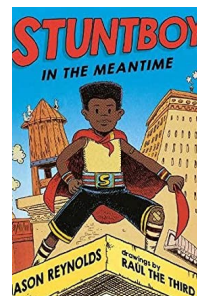


### *Just Right Jillian* by Nicole D. Collier

Fifth grader Jillian will do just about anything to blend in, including staying quiet even when she has the right answer. After she loses a classroom competition because she won't speak up, she sets her mind on winning her school's biggest competition. But breaking out of her shell is easier said than done. Jillian has only a month to keep her promise to her grandmother and prove to herself that she can speak up and show everyone her true self.



*Operation Sisterhood*  
by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich



*Stuntboy, in the Meantime*  
by Jason Reynolds

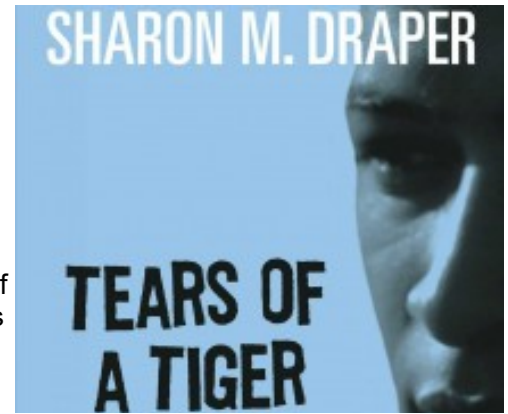


*Honest June*  
by Tina Wells

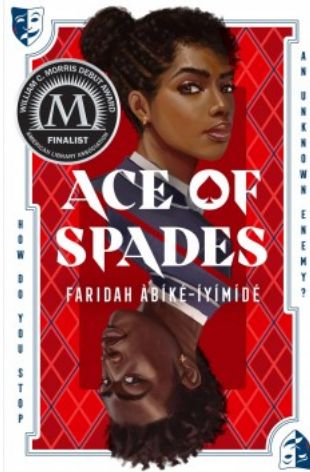
## CLASSIC

### *Tears of a Tiger by Sharon Draper*

Tigers don't cry—or do they? After the death of his longtime friend and fellow Hazelwood Tiger in a car accident, Andy, the driver, blames himself and cannot get past his guilt and pain. While his other friends have managed to work through their grief and move on, Andy allows death to become the focus of his life. In the months that follow the accident, the lives of Andy and his friends are traced through a series of letters, articles, homework assignments, and dialogues, and it becomes clear that Tigers do indeed need to cry.



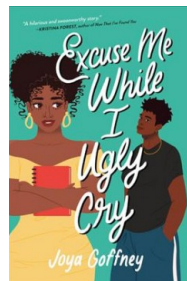
## TEENS



### *Ace of Spades by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé*

When two Niveus Private Academy students, are selected to be part of the elite school's senior class prefects, it looks like their year is off to an amazing start. But soon someone who goes by Aces begins using anonymous text messages to reveal secrets about the two of them that turn their lives upside down and threaten every aspect of their carefully planned futures.

As Aces shows no sign of stopping, what seemed like a sick prank quickly turns into a dangerous game, with all the cards stacked against them. Can Devon and Chiamaka stop Aces before things become incredibly deadly?



*Excuse Me While I Ugly Cry*  
by Joya Goffney

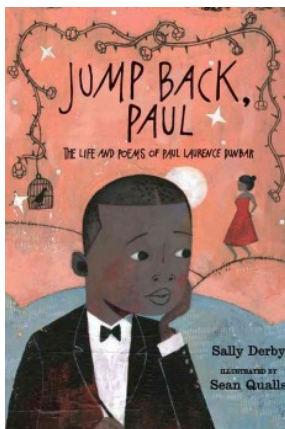


*Bloodmarked*  
by Tracy Deonn



*The Merciless Ones*  
by Namina Forna

## NON-FICTION



### *Jump Back, Paul by Sally Derby*

Did you know that Paul Laurence Dunbar originated such famous lines as "I know why the caged bird sings" and "We wear the mask that grins and lies"? From his childhood in poverty and his early promise as a poet through his struggles to find acceptance as a writer and his tumultuous romance with his wife, to his immense fame and his untimely death, Dunbar's story is one of triumph and tragedy. But his legacy remains in his much-beloved poetry--told in both Standard English and in dialect--which continues to delight and inspire readers today. More than two dozen of Dunbar's poems are woven throughout this volume, illuminating the phases of his life and serving as examples of dialect, imagery, and tone"

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