



***All Because You Matter* by Tami Charles and illustrated by Bryan Collier**

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\*Age Range: 4 to 8 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: K-Gr 3 (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

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A lyrical, heart-lifting love letter to Black and brown children everywhere: reminding them how much they matter, that they have always mattered, and they always will, from powerhouse rising star author Tami Charles and esteemed, award-winning illustrator Bryan Collier.

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 laughs, through the hardship of adolescent struggles, and the pain and heartbreak of current events, they always have, and always will, matter. Accompanied by illustrations by renowned artist Bryan Collier, a four-time Caldecott Honor recipient and a nine-time Coretta Scott King Award winner or honoree, *All Because You Matter* empowers readers with pride, joy, and comfort, reminding them of their roots and strengthening them for the days to come.

Lyrical, personal, and full of love, *All Because You Matter* is for the picture book audience what *The Hate U Give* was for YA and *Ghost Boys* was for middle grade: a conversation starter, a community touchstone, and a deep affirmation of worth for the young readers who need it most.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

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★ “A richly illustrated affirmation for Black children—especially boys. . . . Stunning. Powerful. Timely. Illustrated inspiration at its best.” —*Horn Book*, **starred review**

★ “Universal declarations are often illustrated with images of many children; this book’s focus on a single child brings his experience and life— and the ways they matter—right up close.” —*Publishers Weekly*, **starred review**

★ “A gem for every household.” —*Kirkus Reviews*, **starred review**

“A powerful, poetic manifesto that is required reading for every family in America.” —*BookPage*

“*All Because You Matter* tackles topics such as bullying, racial profiling and the discovery of one's identity. Charles's graceful text and Collier's evocative illustrations work together to make conversations about these topics easier to have with children.” —*Shelf-Awareness*

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“The kind of book you wish you could frame, page by page by page.” —NPR, Best Book of 2020

“This powerful conversation starter couldn’t be more timely.”—*Healthline*

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

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- An Instant *New York Times* Bestseller
- A 2021 World Read Aloud Book Day Selection
- A Barnes and Noble National Storytime Selection (February 2021)
- The #1 Amazon Best Children's Book of 2020
- Chicago Public Library Best Picture Book of 2020
- Barnes & Noble Best Picture Book of 2020
- Best Books of 2020 by *School Library Journal*
- Best Books of 2020 by *Kirkus Reviews*
- *Shelf-Awareness* Best Children’s Book of 2020
- 100 Best Books for Kids by NYPL
- Best Book of 2020 by NPR
- TODAY Favorite Children’s Book of 2020
- An ALA Notable Children’s Book 2021
- B&N Children's Book Prize of the Year Nomination
- Winner of the SCBWI Golden Kite Award for Picture Book Text
- *San Francisco Chronicle* “Books to Empower Black Children”
- 2021 Bank Street Best Children’s Book: Ages 5-9
- 2021 Kids’ Book Choice Awards Finalist: Best Picture Book of the Year

## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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- [Discussion Guide](#)
- [Author Blog Post](#)
- [The PEN Pod](#), author interview
- [We Need Diverse Books](#), author interview

## \*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

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A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book’s intended use.

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