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BOOK RESUME: HAIR LOVE

BOOK SYNOPSIS

It's up to Daddy to give his daughter an extra-special hair style in this ode to self-confidence and the love between fathers and daughters, from Academy-Award winning director and former NFL wide receiver Matthew A. Cherry and *New York Times* bestselling illustrator Vashti Harrison.

Zuri's hair has a mind of its own. It kinks, coils, and curls every which way. Zuri knows it's beautiful. When Daddy steps in to style it for an extra special occasion, he has a lot to learn. But he LOVES his Zuri, and he'll do anything to make her — and her hair — happy.

Tender and empowering, *Hair Love* is an ode to loving your natural hair — and a celebration of daddies and daughters everywhere.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Seeing such a positive representation of black men and their daughters is such a breath of fresh air...The world definitely needs more of this." —*TeenVogue.com*

★"A wonderful slice-of-life tale about family support, black hair, and embracing individuality." —*School Library Journal*, starred review

"This delightful debut encourages self-affirmation and celebrates a loving, respectful relationship between a nurturing father and his cool, confident daughter." —*Shelf Awareness*, starred review

"This authentic depiction of a loving and whole black family broadens the scope of representation." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Unforgettable." — *Booklist*

"A bighearted ode to individuality and father-daughter collaboration." — *Publishers Weekly*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- 2020 Rise: A Feminist Book Project - Top Ten List
- Georgia Children's Book Award selection
- NAACP Image Award
- Irma Black Award Nominee
- An ALA Amelia Bloomer Book List selection

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- A Kentucky Bluegrass Book Award selection
- A California Young Reader Medal selection
- A Texas Great Texas Mosquito selection
- A Tennessee Volunteer State Book Award selection
- A New York 3 Apples selection
- A Kansas NEA Reading Circle selection
- A New Mexico Land of Enchantment Roadrunner Award selection
- A North Carolina Children's Book Award selection
- A South Dakota Prairie Bloom Award selection
- A Nebraska Golden Sower Award selection
- A Missouri Show Me Readers Award selection
- A Michigan MISelf in Books Award selection
- An Iowa Goldfinch Award selection
- An Iowa Bridge to Reading Award selection
- An Indiana Young Hoosier Award selection
- An Illinois Monarch Award selection
- An Illinois Reads selection

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Parents Magazine: 10 Banned Picture Books That Belong In Your Household Library](#)

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