



*Dear You, Dream Big!* by Baptiste Paul

Illustrated by Toni D. Chambers

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\*Age Range: 5 to 8

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

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A new classic for Black and Brown children.

ANYTHING and EVERYTHING is possible!

Perhaps you want to become an artist, or a scientist, or maybe even president. Even when—especially when—the path is hard, Dear YOU: Dream BIG.

A personal, poetic, and uplifting affirmation from Caribbean-born author Baptiste Paul encouraging today's Black and Brown youth to reject those who wish to silence them, exclude them, and reject their talents, with one powerful refrain.

A powerful, lyrical anthem of Black pride celebrating Black creativity, leadership, and innovation that's perfect for fans of *All Because You Matter*, *I Am Every Good Thing*, and *I Am Enough*.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

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"This book would make a great addition to elementary and early middle school classroom libraries as well as home libraries. It would lend itself nicely to units about self, communities, careers, and cultures around the world."—*Children's Literature*

## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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- [Charlesbridge Shelf Care | Dear You, Dream Big! | YouTube](#)
- [WTMJ-TV Milwaukee | The Morning Blend with Dear You, Dream Big! | Video Interview](#)
- [WPR Interview with Baptiste Paul author of Dear You, Dream Big!](#)
- [Author Baptiste Paul on Speaking from the Heart | Lydia Lukidis | Blog](#)

## AUTHOR STATEMENT

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*This story is about hope, equality and inclusion. Dear You Dream Big was written to empower Black and Brown children not only to dream but also to see themselves (their faces) in spaces all around them. It is also important to note that, in order for our young readers to visualize a better future, a more diverse future, a more accepting*

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*future, they need to know about the past and how it has shaped society. Learning about the past is one simple way to prevent previous injustices from happening again.*

#### **\*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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