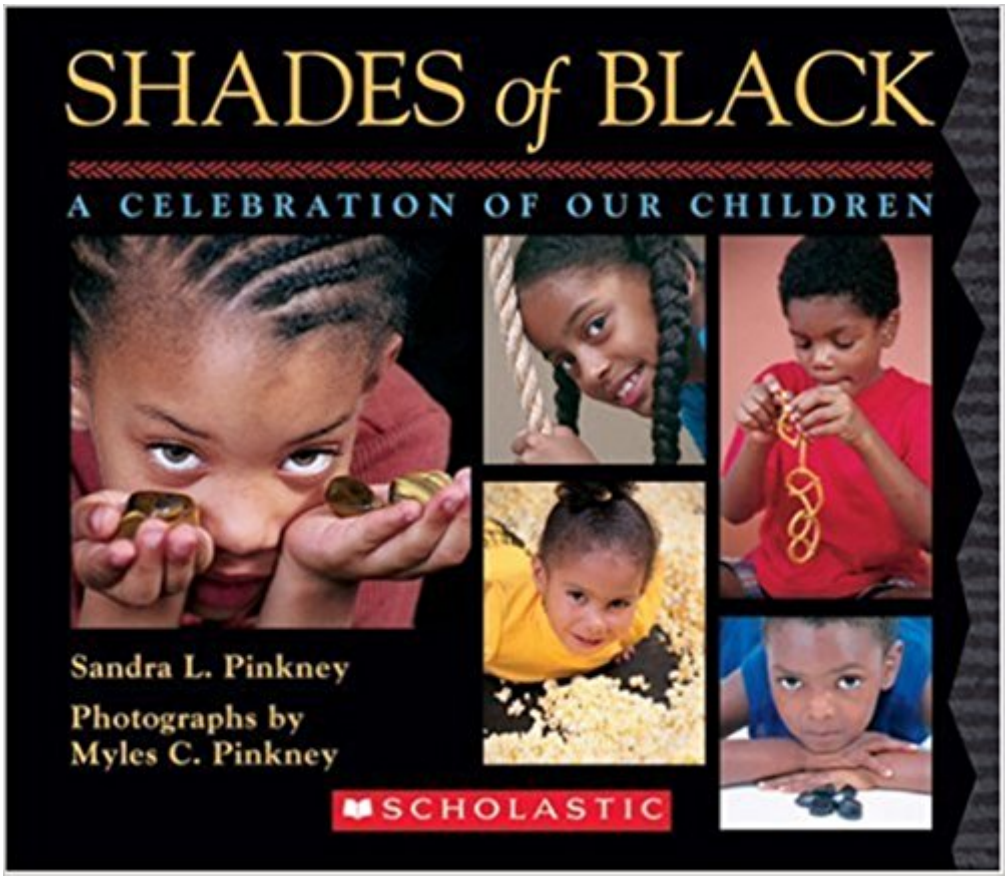
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Shades Of Black: A Celebration Of Our Children



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Synopsis

The best-selling picture book is now available as a board book.I am Black / I am Unique / I am the creamy white frost in vanilla ice cream / and the milky smooth brown in a chocolate bar...Using simple poetic language and stunning photographs, Sandra and Myles Pinkney have created a remarkable book of affirmation for African-American children. Photographic portraits and striking descriptions of varied skin tones, hair texture, and eye color convey a strong sense of pride in a unique heritage. A joyous celebration of the rich diversity among African-Americans.

Book Information

Board book: 24 pages

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Language: English

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Product Dimensions: 6.2 x 0.7 x 5.1 inches

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Age Range: 2 - 3 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 1-The beauty of African-American children is celebrated in this joyous picture book. Wonderful, clear, full-color photographs of youngsters illustrate a poetic, vivid text that describes a range of skin and eye colors and hair textures. ("I am the midnight blue in a licorice stick/and the golden brown in sugar/I am the velvety orange in a peach/and the coppery brown in a pretzel.") Both the photographs and text with its refrain of "I am Black/I am Unique" impart a sense of pride and well-being. An affirmative message for children of all races.Tammy K. Baggett, Atlanta-Fulton County Public Library, GA Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Ages 3-7. Indeed, there are many shades of black, and they are beautifully exemplified in this photo album that depicts the varied palette that makes up black skin. These gorgeous children are "gingery brown like a cookie," "brassy yellow like popcorn," and "midnight blue like a licorice stick." And yes, "black" can be creamy white like vanilla ice cream. But the author and illustrator don't stop there. They also look at eyes and hair, showing the beauty and uniqueness of eyes with hints of tiger-eye yellow and sturdy, coiling, woollike hair. All of it is black. All of it is beautiful. This may be just the kind of book that black children don't see enough of, but it can certainly be appreciated by children of any color. Denise WilmsCopyright Ã Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I'm a white mom of a black infant and I just love this book. It has a positive self-image message for kids of all races, but especially black children. The book catalogs the different skin colors and hair textures and eye colors found in the black population and has pictures of a variety of children to illustrate each point. Your kid will find at least one child in this book that shares a feature with them, and unless your child is blond and blue-eyed how often does that happen? The point also makes the wonderful point that all hair is good hair. Of all the books I have purchased for my son, this is the one I think is most important.

I LOVE this book. I bought it for my grandchildren who are 8,4, and 2. All are different shades of brown with the same mother and father. I wanted to give them something that will teach them that no matter how light, dark or in-between they may be, they are ALL beautiful. Not only to me, but to each other. This book is so beautifully laid out and encompasses all the wonderful shades and hues we come in. The authors are to be commended for including EVERYBODY's color. While books celebrating our beautiful brown babies are to be commended, are our lighter-skinned ones to be forgotten? I don't think so, and obviously, neither did these authors. Thank you so much! Here is a book all three of my grandchildren can read together and all identify with.

Been reading this book to my daughter for the past four years and she loves it. Perfect bed time book.

The pictures are great but the words and concepts are beyond those of a child needing a board book.

Beautifully photographed and a very positive look at Blackness.

Given to a beginning reader. Really liked it.

Beautiful book that shows kids that their black is beautiful!

This book is absolutely stunning. My goddaughter and her two sisters love it. Each of them were able to find a child in the book who had a feature that reminded them of themselves. The pictures are breathtaking and the children are totally relatable. I love the book so much that I ordered three more copies.

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