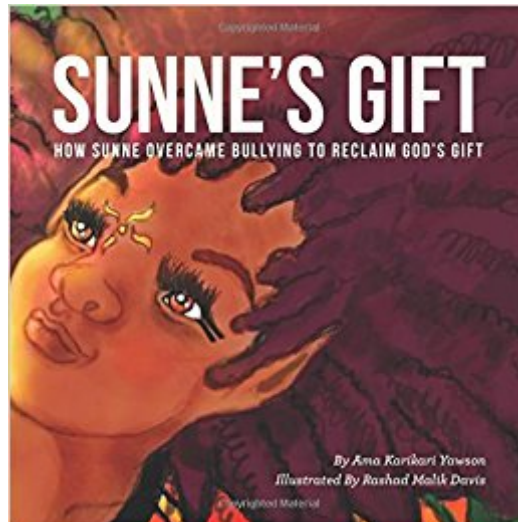




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Sunne's Gift: How Sunne Overcame Bullying To Reclaim God's Gift



Synopsis

Sunne is a magical being or "magbee". God imbues Sunne with the power of the sun. Sunne's straight-haired siblings, Earth, Watre, and Winde have unique powers of their own. When Sunne is teased and bullied by siblings because of Sunne's natural, kinky, curly, "nappy" and spirally afro-textured hair, Sunne desperately tries to change. Join Sunne as Sunne learns that there is beauty and power in difference. Sunne's Gift's message of self-love and bullying prevention, coupled with its sci-fi imagery, make it hit with people of all ages. The book contains Forest Stewardship Council Certified Paper.

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Customer Reviews

Ms. Yawson earned a BA cum laude in Social Studies from Harvard University, an MBA from the Wharton School and a JD from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Her unique understanding of social issues, business and the law has enabled her to become a relevant voice on issues as varied as race relations, women's issues, dating, parenting, self-love, hair-bullying and entrepreneurship. Her articles have been published in MSNBC's The Grio, The Huffington Post, The Atlantic, Madame Noire and other publications. Ms. Yawson has also appeared on the Today Show, Al Jazeera's The Stream, The Nate Berkus Show and Fox Business. In 2013 a painful experience in which a barber called her that her son a real "nig****" and said that his hair was not pretty and should be shaved off inspired Ms. Yawson to venture into writing children's books. Her first picture book, Sunne's Gift is about a magical being (magbee) with spirally hair that grows toward the sun named

Sunne. Sunne's three straight-haired siblings, who also have magical powers, poke fun of Sunne's hair. Sunne starts beating the spirals of hair to fit in, but as a result... With this story, Ms. Yawson hopes to affirm afro-textured hair while promoting a culture of love and acceptance in which readers learn that there is beauty and power in difference and that celebrating diversity is not just "nice to do," it is essential for our survival. Ms. Yawson currently works as a securities lawyer and she lives in Brooklyn with her husband and two sons. She is also the co-founder of Joojos, an artisanal children's shoe company. Ms. Yawson can be reached by emailing milestalespublishing@gmail.com.

I don't know how many of you got the opportunity to hear this author, Ama Kari Kari Yawson actually read "Sunne's Gift" so eloquently to the children at the library's Afternoon Storyhour, but I encourage you not only to listen (it is very short) but to also purchase what is sure to be an award winning book. [...]The profound underlying message of "Sunne's Gift" can be understood by even the youngest listeners and readers about self worth, self love and the consequences of bullying. Yes I see many awards for this one. This book is perfect for your children, grandchildren or someone else's children. Dr. Yawson has perfectly packaged a moral lesson for young ears and malleable minds who will think of Sunne perhaps when faced with a similar real life circumstance. Treat yourselves to the inspiration behind "Sunne's Gift". Just don't pay any attention to the part about her being a more critical writer than creative. I am convinced that Dr. Yawson could also write award winning novels and movie scripts and I look forward to more from her creative spirit.[...]

I read "Sunne's Gift: How Sunne Overcame Bullying to Reclaim God's Gift" to a group of very attentive 5-8 year olds this past summer. Surprisingly, they were very reflective and followed the characters throughout the entire story. It was great hearing the children's feedback and responses from the discussion questions at end of the book. Some could relate to Sunne's challenges to be accepted. This book should be on a shelf in every public library, school library and home. Sunne's Gift is about diversity, about bullying, about celebrating each others differences, and about love. Great Job Ama! Author, Mary E. Evans

A book intended for children? Yes. However after reading this book, I realized that it's message is intended for all ages, genders and ethnic backgrounds. For children, it is a wonderful tool to help nurture and teach them as they begin their journey to adulthood. However, for adults, it

is a true reminder of what we sometimes lose sight of. The positive message of "love thyself" that Ama was gifted to deliver through words and the illustrations that Rashad was able to bring to life through pictures are truly an inspiration. The art and words together make this book a must read. Every child deserves the chance to read this book. Thank you both for caring enough to bring us this positive message!

I have this book to my niece. She is Chinese and west African and had experienced teasing at school due to her unique look and hair. This book restored her confidence and is now her favorite book. Beautifully written and very important message. A++

Awesome self-esteem builder for my daughter. The illustrations and story are beautifully woven together. This is a keeper for her to share with her daughter one day.

My four year old boy loves this book and picks it out at bedtime over and over again! I love that this story celebrates diversity - not only hair type, but this can be applied to almost everything! I recommend it as a good read for all children. Milbert and Basil

What a great gift for my granddaughter! I purchased it after hearing about this book on Karen Hunter's show on the SiriusXM's Urban View. I look forward to sending her this awesome book as part of a gift package. I loved reading it myself!

"Sunne's Gift" is a great book for children of all ages. Yawson does a great job in tackling bullying issues and addressing why children should accept and embrace their differences.

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