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BIO

Marsha Campbell is debuting her first book, *You're Here for a Purpose: Positive Self-Talk for Black Children*. Her goal with this book is to provide a language to black children to increase self-esteem, self-worth, and self-image; all of which lead to self-love. She believes children who master positive self-talk are more healthy, confident, motivated, and productive.

Marsha has also created diversity affirming clothing and merchandise available for sale on her website. She is currently working on two new books, one book for boys and another book for girls. Both books will be centered on purpose but will also incorporate black history across the diaspora in a fun and playful way! She lives in New York with her daughter.

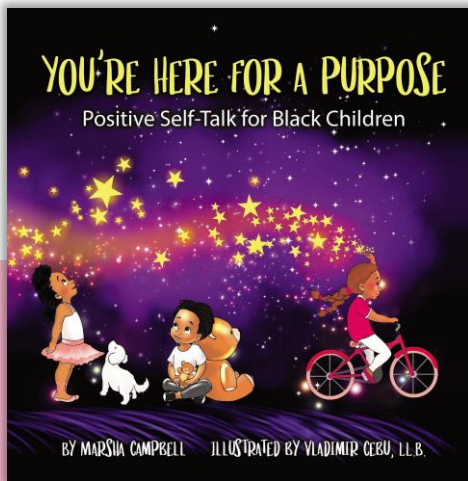
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You're Here for a Purpose: ***Positive Self-Talk for Black Children***

***You're Here for a Purpose* is a picture book for children of all ages about the power of positive thinking using rhyming verses followed by positive affirmations. The book inspires black children to be positive, confident, and embrace their uniqueness.**

Book Excerpt

*"You're here for a purpose, I know it's true...
The world would be an incomplete puzzle without you!"*

*"Your brown skin and curly hair are one of a kind,
perfectly crafted -- a beautiful design."*

Customer Reviews

"This children's book is wonderfully written. The images are clear, and the colors grab your attention before you even open the book. The content and affirmations are absolutely needed at a time like this where black boys and girls are growing up in a world where it seems their lives are not valuable. This is a reminder to them that they are worthy, loved, strong and beautiful. This is a reminder that they are more than enough and can be anything they choose to be in this world."

"A poetic masterpiece that is so needed for our black and brown kids. As the father of a beautiful little girl, I enjoyed seeing the relationship portrayed between the dad and his daughter. As an educator, I want to purchase a copy of this book for all my students. I loved that the book focuses on learning from our mistakes. We all make mistakes, but how will you respond and what did you learn? The positive self-talk is so important for our black and brown kids as a constant reminder of their value and importance in this world."

"This book is not only beautifully illustrated but beautifully written. My 8-year-old daughter became very emotional reading this book while being reminded of her worth. I absolutely love how this book was written for little people like mine and showcases how they are loved, beautiful and through trials they will continue to grow and become better beings. It's a book to be read repeatedly and is not only impactful to the child, but to the adult as well."

"You're Here for a Purpose is a great book to give to the Black children in your life. The images are bright and reflect the diversity and beauty of Black people. The words are easy to remember and powerful. It's also the perfect length for daily reading to help instill confidence and pride in being Black from an early age."

Author Q&A

What was your inspiration for *You're Here for a Purpose*?

Shortly after my daughter was born, I found myself constantly whispering affirmations to her. As I rocked her to sleep, as I gave her a bath, as I got her dressed. Positive affirmations were always on my lips. Even at that tender age, I wanted her to know that she was wanted, she was special, she was important, and she was loved. So, I started writing down the affirmations I would recite to her. Then the idea came to me to write a book about affirmations, but that idea ballooned into writing a book about purpose, and then weaving in the positive affirmations

Why are there 3 different children in the book instead of one main character?

When I first wrote the book, I imagined a little girl as the sole main character. But, I quickly realized there are already so many black children's book that featured little girls. It became important to me that the story had a black boy, a black girl, and a mixed-race child. So the final book features 3 different children, interacting with 3 different parental figures.

Any advice for children out there?

I will quote *You're Here for a Purpose* for this: "God whispered your name, long before you came.

The world, without you, would not be the same." You are uniquely and wonderfully made, so set God size goals that are bigger than your own imagination and never stop striving for them, no matter how hard it seems. Believe in yourself, and never give up!

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