



Dear Black Women Connect Community,

Embrace Emancipation Month: Reflect, Celebrate, and Advocate

August is a month of reflection and celebration for us. Emancipation Month is a time to honour the resilience and achievements of Black communities while acknowledging the ongoing challenges we face. Let's come together to support each other and continue advocating for equality and justice.

In the United States, the political landscape is equally dynamic as we approach the fall election. The Democratic Party has nominated a woman for the presidency, a testament to the strides being made towards gender equality in politics. However, this period also brings to light the persistent issues of misogyny, sexism, and racism, particularly as we witness Vice President Kamala Harris facing severe criticism rooted in both gender and racial biases.

For all of us closely following these developments, it's crucial to remain mindful of the potential impact on our spirit and well-being. The next three months will undoubtedly showcase both progress and setbacks, with instances of misogyny, sexism, and racism that can be disheartening. It's essential to care for ourselves and each other during this time. Let's support one another, stay

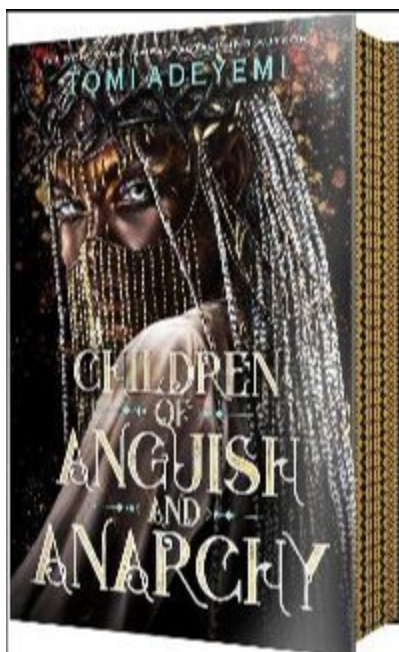
We are excited to present our revamped newsletter, designed to keep you informed and engaged with all the exciting updates, events, and initiatives from Black Women Connect. We hope you enjoy the new format and content!

Warm regards,

Surranna Sandy

Founder, Black Women Connect

Join Us for August's Book Club: "Children of Anguish and Anarchy"



We are thrilled to announce our August book club selection: **"Children of Anguish and Anarchy"** by the acclaimed author Tomi Adeyemi. This gripping sequel in the Legacy of Orisha series promises to be a captivating read, filled with magic, conflict, and rich cultural heritage. **Event Details:**

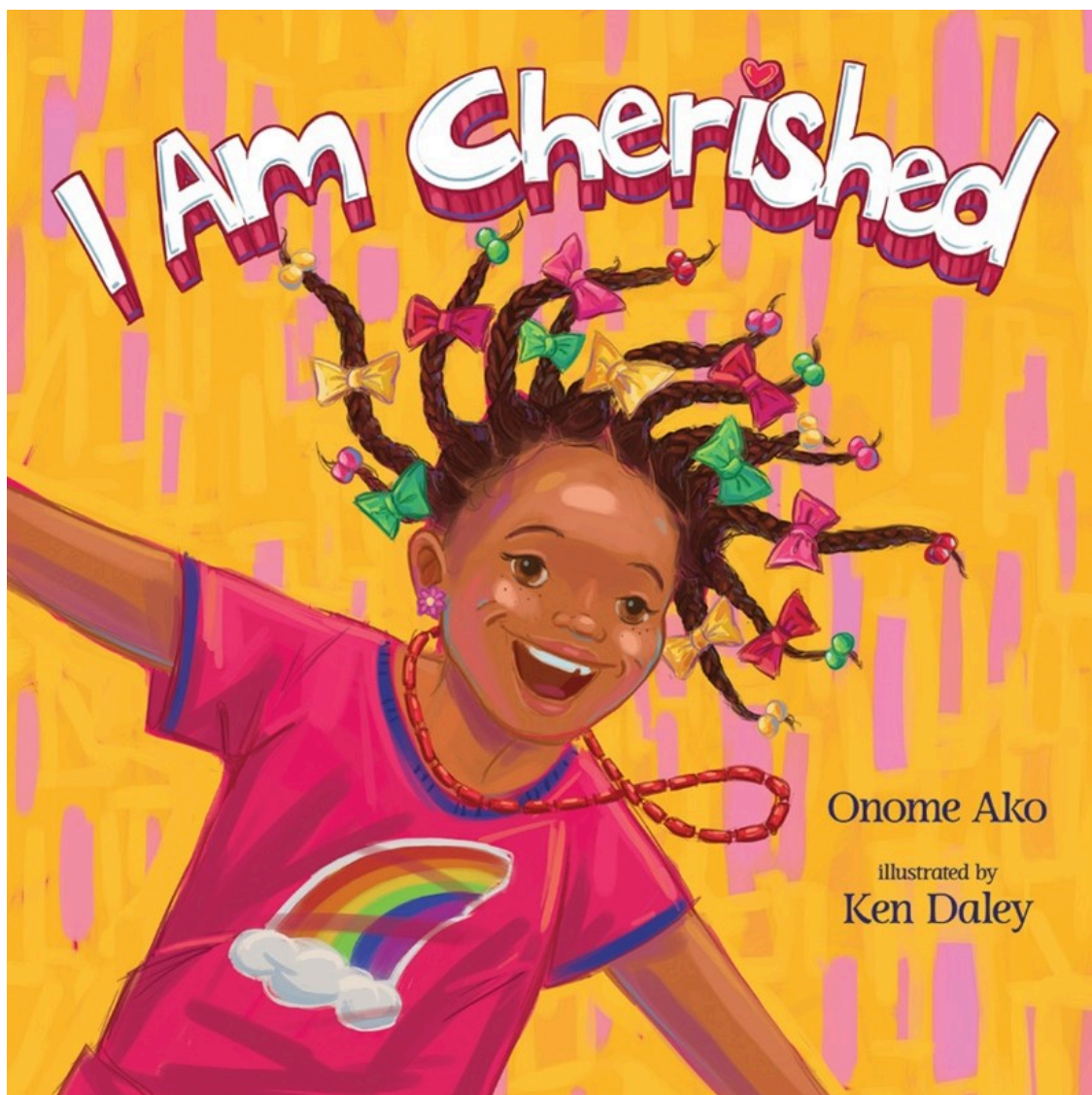
- **Date:** August 30, 2024
- **Time:** 7:00 PM - 9:15 PM
- **Location:** Via Zoom
- **RSVP:** [RSVP Here](#)

How to Participate:

2. **Join the Meeting:** Register for the event and get access to our discussion platform via Zoom.
3. **Engage:** Come prepared to share your thoughts and insights about the book.

Don't miss this opportunity to delve into a powerful story while connecting with an amazing community. We look forward to seeing you at the book club meeting!

Exciting News: Onome Ako's "I Am Cherished" Now Available!



I am thrilled to share some wonderful news with you on behalf of Onome Ako, author of "**I Am Cherished / Mon nom est Kikelomo**". Published by

significance of names, identity, tolerance, and inclusion. It is currently available for pre-order on Amazon and Indigo and will be in local bookstores by August 6.

Inspired by her daughter and many others who face challenges because of their names, Onome Ako wrote this book to celebrate the beauty and significance of diverse names. The story follows Kikelomo, a little girl who learns to embrace her Nigerian name, inspiring her classmates to do the same, and sparking a broader conversation about the importance of names and identity.

Join me in celebrating this important message by sharing it with your networks.



Connect with Us: Join the Black Women Connect WhatsApp Group

Our Black Women Connect WhatsApp Group is the perfect place for members to stay connected, share experiences, and support each other. This group allows you to engage in meaningful conversations, organize meet-ups, and build lasting connections with like-minded Black women. Whether you're looking to join a focused discussion on specific interests or simply want to stay updated on our events, this group is for you.

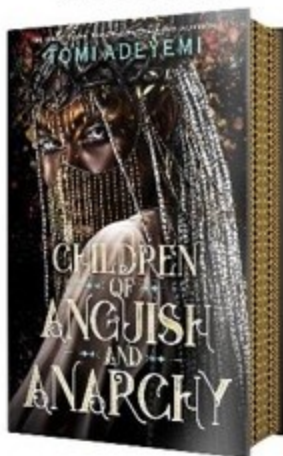
Join Here: [WhatsApp Group](#)

Let's continue to empower and uplift each other, fostering a strong and vibrant community together!

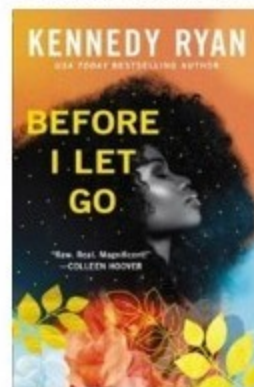
Dive into Our Fall Book Selections: August to November

have a diverse lineup of genres, including fantasy, romance, and historical fiction, that promises to engage, inspire, and spark thoughtful discussions. Mark your calendars and join us as we explore these compelling stories together. Read more about our upcoming book selections [here](#).

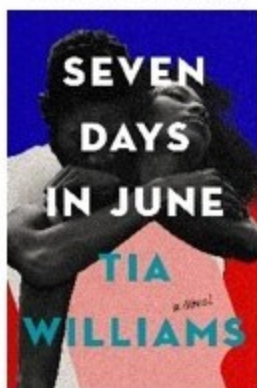
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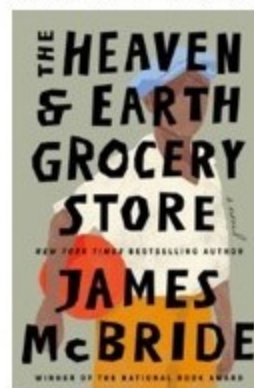
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August Must-Read Books by Black Authors

August is here with a lineup of must-read books by Black authors that you won't want to miss! From gripping thrillers to heartwarming romances, these stories are ready to captivate and inspire. Click [here](#) to get a closer look at some of the incredible titles releasing this month



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