

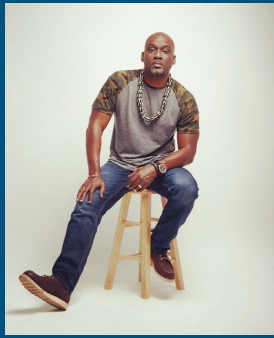
# Meet the author: Derrick Barnes!

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# About the Author

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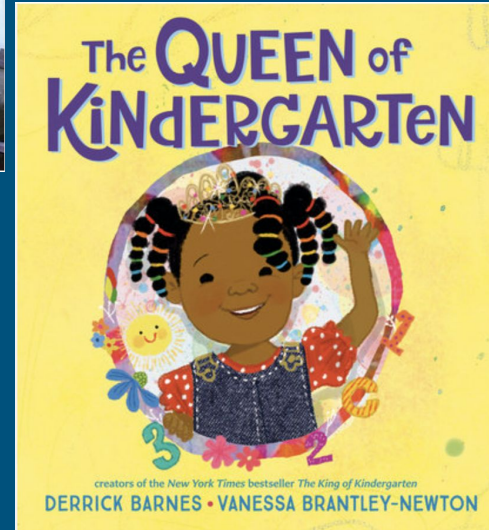
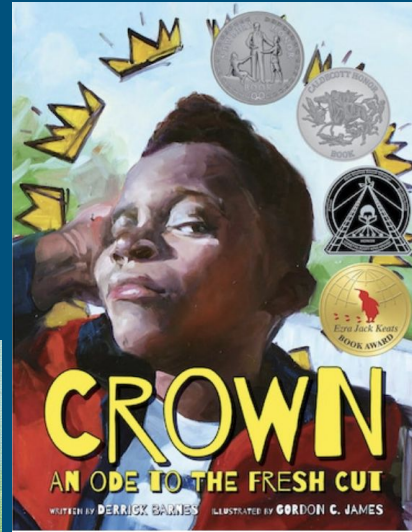
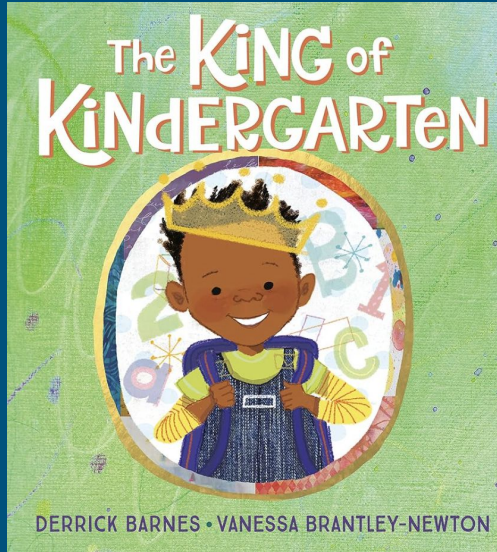
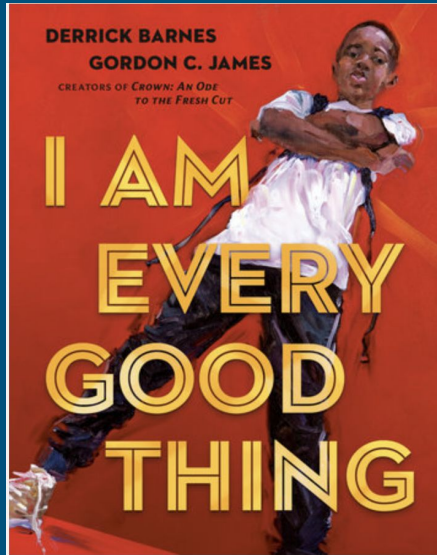
- Derrick Barnes is an American author originally from Kansas City, Missouri, but currently resides in Charlotte, North Carolina with his wife Dr. Tinka Barnes, and their four sons.
- As well as being the author of *Like Lava In my Veins* he has written several other children's books such as *The King of Kindergarten*, *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut*, *I Am Every Good Thing*, and many more.
- Barnes' books are known for celebrating African American culture and representing black children in his stories.

# Important Information

*Like Lava in My Veins* is a story about learning to deal with anger and frustrations in a healthy, productive way and gaining self control in difficult situations. Author Derrick Barnes says the main character Bobby Beacon embodies people close to him such as his four sons and their friends growing up in Kansas City, Missouri. It is a story that is able to highlight the biases that black children face in school. Barnes explains that the main character has “illuminating power that does not just need to be controlled, but should be understood, appreciated, and helped put to good use.”



# Other Books by Derrick Barnes



# Awards and Fun Facts

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- Derrick Barnes' book *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut* won the Newbery Honor, the Coretta Scott King Honor, the Kirkus Prize, and the Ezra Jack Keats Award. The Ezra Jack Keats Award is given to authors who write books that feature diversity or differences in the characters.
- For *I am Every Good Thing*, Barnes also won the Kirkus Prize. Derrick Barnes is the only author to ever win the Kirkus Prize twice!
- Barnes graduated from Jackson State University, and soon became the first African American male creative copywriter hired by Hallmark Cards.



# Quotes

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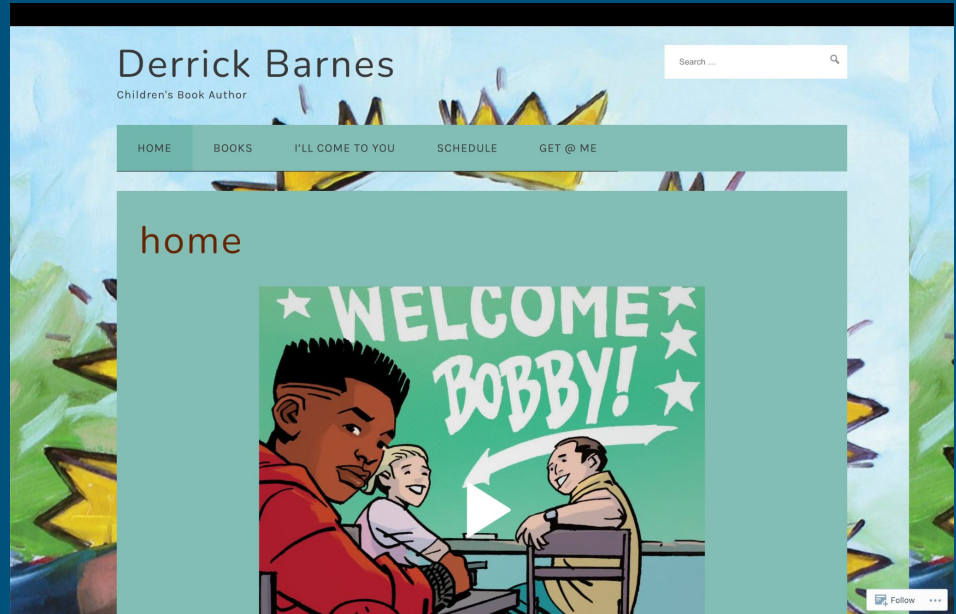


Derrick Barnes' website with more information is linked down below!

<https://derrickdbarnes.com>

## Website Scavenger Hunt

- Where can you find more books written by Derrick Barnes?
- What other awards has Derrick Barnes received?
- Where can you find how to contact Derrick Barnes?



# Sources

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