Lauren Reed and “Letters to my Daughter”, by Maya Angelou

Hello dear friends of the library! March Book Sale is just around the corner and we cannot wait to see you all! For now, come check one of the awesome books that @reelfamilyreads got for 2 dollars at one of our book sales.
“I gave birth to one child, a son, but I have thousands of daughters. You are Black and White, Jewish and Muslim, Asian, Spanish speaking, Native Americans and Aleut. You are fat and thin and pretty and plain, gay and straight, educated and unlettered, and I am speaking to you all. Here is my offering to you.”

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I’ve fallen far off my planned Feb. TBR, but right into the warm embrace of Maya Angelou’s, “Letter to My Daughter”. The words above are only on the second page of this book, and by
then I was moved to tears. The writings within offer a gentle reminder to respond and to stand up, to forgive yourself and be honest with others, to keep living, and loving. Each chapter is uniquely inspirational, while being both deeply comforting and affirming. I highly recommend you start here if you’ve never read any of Ms. Angelou’s works and then, share it with someone you love. ❤️

I picked up this gift of a book at the @chslibfriends library book sale for $2! 📚

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Lauren Reed :: TBR Black History Month 2019

Our February TBR with Black History Month in mind. We implement themes of Civil Rights, Black Lives Matter and social justice into our daily learning, so these books were intentionally chosen to both reflect and to celebrate! Anna @never_withouta_book said it best- “Black History Month began as a way for remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. Today and everyday we celebrate the contributions and legacy of African-Americans to the social fabric of the U.S.” 🌍
A few of these are re-reads, and I’ll be stocking our morning basket with picture books by Black Authors, but I wanted to highlight a few.

1️⃣ “Born A Crime: Young Readers Edition”. This is the middle grade adaptation of Trevor Noah’s memoir we all loved. This is due out in April from @RandomHouseKids and the girls and I are really looking forward to it!

2️⃣ “What Color is My World” by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar details the
lost history of American American Inventors. What fun!

3️⃣ I’m re-reading Isabel Wilkerson’s “The Warmth of Other Suns” as part of a ginormous buddy read on @Goodreads with @spinesvines and @kateolson.reads. Join in! I credit this magnificent book for my “wokeness” several years ago.

4️⃣ I’m reading “Americanah” in a buddy read hosted by @idleutopia_reads. I can’t wait. It’s been on my shelf far too long.

5️⃣ The classic “Invisible Man” is intimidating me a bit (because classics), but I’m also reading this with some Instagram buddies, @naomid1120 and @estoericareads, so I’m hopeful!

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This is clearly an ambitious stack, but I’m a bit of a mood reader, so I like to have options. What do you have planned for #BlackHistoryMonth?

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