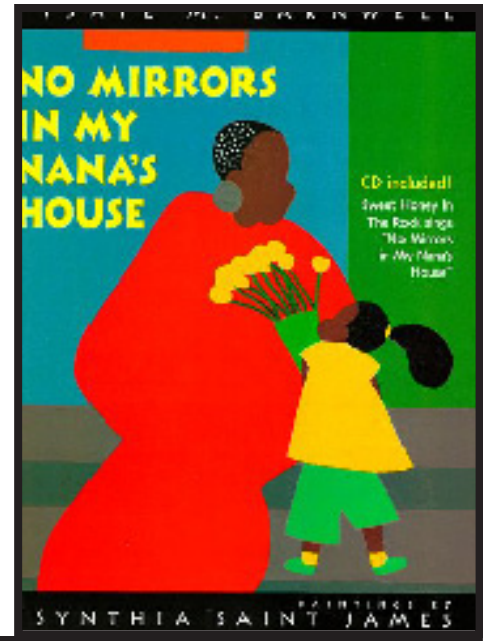


BOOKPALS STORYLINE PRESENTS:

"NO MIRRORS IN MY NANA'S HOUSE"

By *Ysaye M. Barnwell*
illustrations by *Synthia St. James*

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Tia & Tamera Mowry reading this story at
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BOOK SUMMARY

There are no mirrors in my Nana's house.... No mirrors to reflect the cracks in the wall, the clothes that don't fit, the trash in the hallway. No mirrors. But there is love. The beauty in this child's world is in her Nana's eyes. It's like the rising of the sun...

RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Look closely at the illustrations in the book. Why are there no mirrors in Nana's house? Why are there no eyes on the people? Have a discussion about this.
- Retell the story in your own words.
- Write about what the illustrations tell about the people in the story.

MORE ACTIVITIES

- Retell the story in picture form using torn paper technique to make a collage.
- Recreate the story through movement without words.

INTERESTING INFO

- "No Mirrors in My Nana's House" was originally a song.
- In Africa "Nana" refers to a respected leader or teacher.
- No mirrors are allowed during initiation ceremonies in Africa.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr. YSAYE M. BARNWELL is best known as a member of *Sweet Honey in the Rock*, an a capella quintet of African American women who perform to acclaim across the country and around the world. "No Mirrors in My Nana's House" is one of a number of her compositions performed and recorded by the group.

This is her first book for children.

ABOUT THE READER

Real-life twins TIA and TAMERA MOWRY were born in West Germany and lived in Honolulu, Hawaii before moving to Los Angeles. "The reason we came to California was to do a (TV) series," Tamera says, "we've reached our goal." From 1994-1999 both women co-starred in the series *Sister, Sister* which won them Image and Kids' Choice Awards. Tia and Tamera also completed their degrees in Psychology at Pepperdine University's Seaver College.



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