

Erika J. Gibson

AUTHOR - CONSULTANT



Erika J. Gibson is a children's book author and publishing consultant on a mission to diversify children's literature to empower, inspire, and encourage all children. To address the underrepresentation of children of color in books, Erika began her journey to writing and publishing. As an author, it is important to Erika that her books represent diversity, where children can see themselves in the characters.

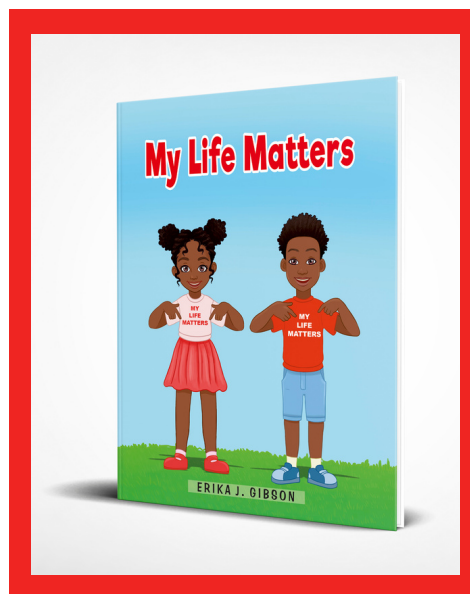
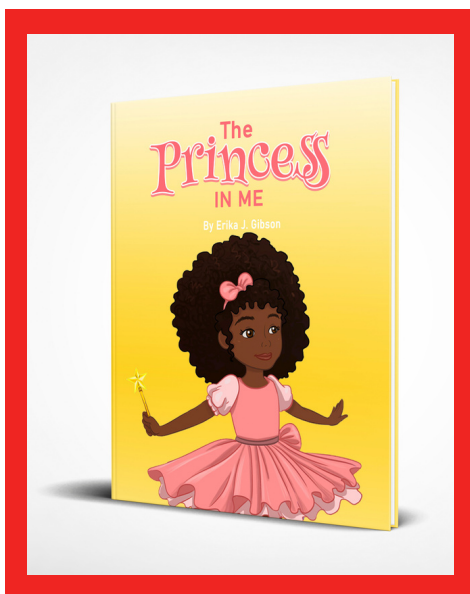
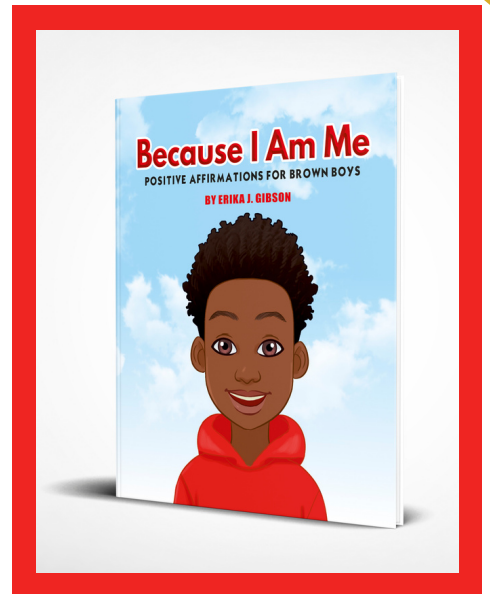
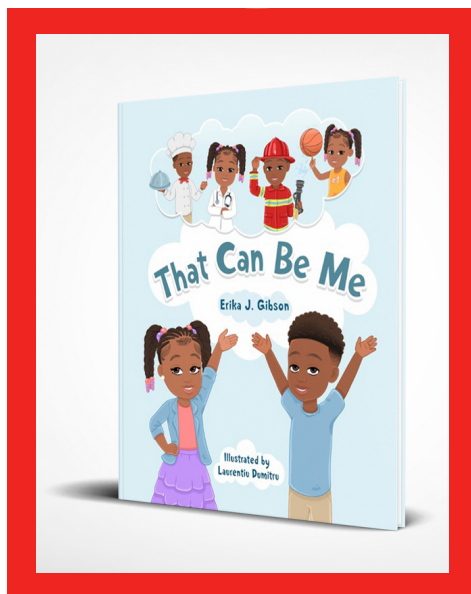
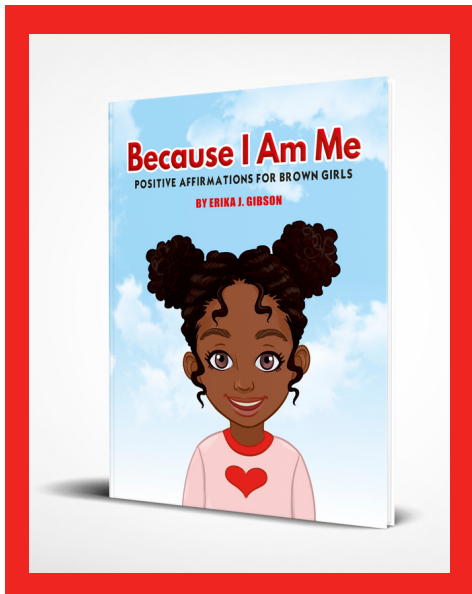
Erika founded Black Diamond Publishing, where she aims to help aspiring authors publish diverse books of their own. Erika is also the founder of Leading Leaders Early Childhood Consulting, where she provides coaching, consulting, and training to early care educators to ensure quality and equitable care for young learners.

Erika is a native of Little Rock, AR, but currently resides in Northern VA. Erika holds a Master of Education degree in School Psychology from Howard University.

**ABOUT
THE AUTHOR**

ERIKA'S

BOOKS



WHAT OTHERS SAY

“
This book was perfect for my baby girl! Everyone in the house loves to read it to her. She is repeating the wonderful affirmations with confidence!

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This book is rich in principles that will instill confidence and self-worth in young boys. I appreciate the connection to the history of African Americans. I also appreciate how the author celebrates the beauty in the character's skin color, hair, and clothes. This book can serve as a wonderful reminder for brown boys to appreciate who they are and strive to fulfill their potential.

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My Life Matters is a touching and relevant story that will help black and brown boys and girls understand that their lives do indeed matter. This book is the perfect resource for adults to use to engage in meaningful, perhaps difficult, conversations with children of every background about racial equity and the current social justice movement in our country.

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This book is a bold declaration of the value of brown girls that can serve as a wonderful guide for the reader. I particularly like the images of the character in multiple potential careers, which I imagine would have a powerful and positive impact on a young girl's mind. The book presents many examples of how the reader can apply these principles in many aspects of life.

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This book provides a wonderful guide for young girls to recognize their value and appreciate their uniqueness. I also enjoy the example of how young girls can encourage other girls to be princesses and dream big. Finally, I appreciate the explanation that clothes and other material items do not make you special-your understanding of who you are is what matters.

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