



# HEY YOU!

AN EMPOWERING  
CELEBRATION OF  
GROWING UP  
BLACK



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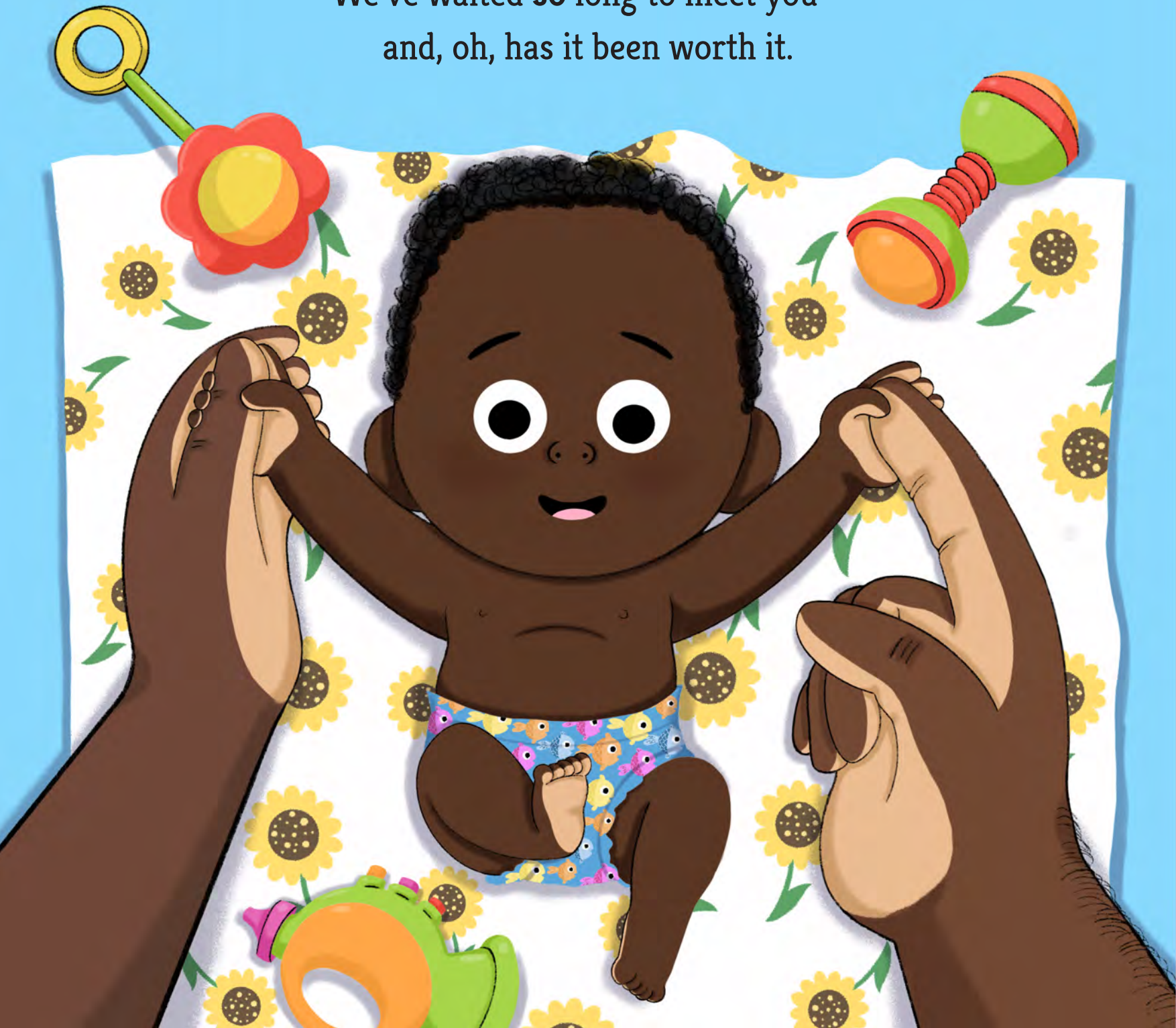
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# Hey you . . .

## Welcome to the world.

We've waited so long to meet you -  
and, oh, has it been worth it.



I want to let you know our dreams and hopes for you  
and the things about life you must always remember . . .





You are wonderful.

I hope that you never lose sight  
of the wonder that is you . . .



even though the world won't always let you see it . . .



You stand on the shoulders  
of greatness.

You share your magical melanin with countless  
generations of geniuses, creators, leaders  
and great thinkers.

Your potential is infinite.





**Hey You!** is a collaboration between **Dapo Adeola** and **eighteen talented Black illustrators**:



**Alyissa Johnson** is a graphic designer and lettering artist who focuses on positivity and feminism. You can find Alyissa playing with her dog Luna or selling prints at a local pop-up shop in Kansas City, Missouri.



**Jade Orlando** lives in Atlanta, Georgia. When she's not drawing, you can usually find her curled up with her cats and a really good book.



**Reggie Brown** lives in San Diego, California. He has always loved to draw and can't remember wanting to be anything but an artist. Reggie loves the McRib and wants it back.



**Chanté Timothy** creates work that explores different themes of diversity and inclusion. She's best known for her debut book *A Black Woman Did That* by Malaika Adero.



**Sharee Miller** lives on the east coast of America. Her art is fresh, full of joy and encourages all who view it to smile.



**Diane Ewen** is from the West Midlands in the UK. She has always been in love with art and graduated from the University of Wolverhampton with a B.A. honours degree in illustration.



**Onyinye Iwu** is a Nigerian illustrator and author. She was born in Italy where she spent her childhood, then moved to the UK. Onyinye enjoys reading books and drawing patterns.



**Gladys Jose** lives in Orlando, Florida, with her supportive, loving husband, her energetic, brilliant daughter and a very sweet pup named Miles.



**Bex Glendining** is based in the UK, and has worked on projects such as *Seen: Edmonia Lewis*, *Penultimate Quest*, *Nubia: Real One* and *Lupina*.



**Dunni Mustapha** grew up in the UK and has always been fascinated by picture books and magazines. She likes using pictures to tell stories and capturing people's quirks and unique traits.



**Charlot Kristensen** has worked with clients such as Google, *New York Times* and *Huffpost*. Her first graphic novel, *What We Don't Talk About*, was published in 2020.



**Camilla Sucre** is a Caribbean American artist born in New York and raised in Baltimore. She studied illustration and film at MICA with a passion for multidisciplinary arts and telling stories.



**Jobe Anderson** lives in Birmingham in the UK. He loves creating wacky scenarios and making short stories. When he isn't drawing, you'll find him reading comic books and watching movies.



**Joelle Avelino** is a Congolese and Angolan illustrator and animator. Her animation project with Malala Fund was featured in *Design Weekly's* favourite International Women's Day projects of 2020.



**Nicole Miles** is an illustrator, cartoonist, hand-letterer and designer from the Bahamas. She currently lives in West Yorkshire in the UK with her pet snake and human boyfriend.



**Kingsley Nebechi** is a Nigerian based in London. Crazy for comics, fanatical about films and inspired by African art, Kingsley is recognized for his commercial and gallery work.



**Derick Brooks** is based in Richmond, Virginia and loves to create adventurous stories about Black folk. He lives with his wife and pets, and really loves potatoes.



**Selom Sunu** is based in London. His children's illustration work includes *The Puffin Book of Big Dreams* and *New York Times* bestseller *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds.

**Hey You!** is award-winning illustrator **Dapo Adeola's** urgent and inspirational message of hope for young, Black dreamers and everybody fighting for a fairer world.



With illustrations from a collection of dazzling **Black artists**, *Hey You!* is an honest yet hopeful story of growing up Black, showing the power of **creativity, community and collective pride**.

A **visual feast** and a vital tool of **positive affirmation**, this is an essential book to be read and treasured.

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