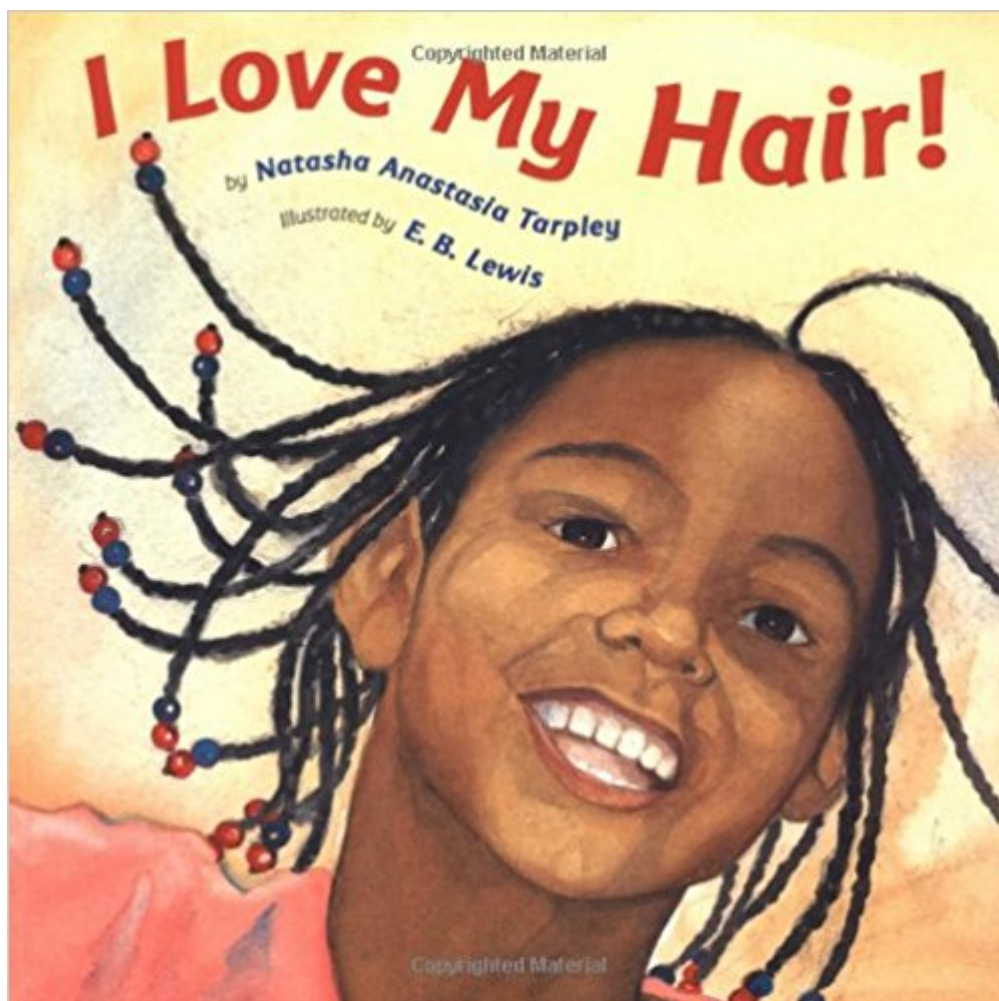


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# I Love My Hair!



## Synopsis

This whimsical, evocative story about a girl named Keyana encourages African-American children to feel good about their special hair and be proud of their heritage. A BlackBoard Children's Book of the Year. Full-color illustrations.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

"In this gracefully told story, a young African-American heroine celebrates her lovely head of hair as part of her heritage," wrote PW. Ages 3-8. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

PreSchool-Grade 2?A young African-American girl describes the familiar mother-daughter nightly ritual of combing the tangles out of her hair. When she cries because it hurts, her sympathetic mother tells her how lucky she is to have such beautiful hair. Imaginatively, the woman goes on to say that she can spin it into a fine, soft bun or "plant rows of braids" along her scalp, prompting her daughter to think of other wonderful things she likes about her hair. The superb watercolor illustrations move from the intimacy and security of Keyana's bedroom to the neighborhood streets and finally to the whole world as her mother's imagery becomes reflected in the art. Keyana's hair is spun on a spinning wheel, becomes part of rows of plants in a garden, and merges with a globe of

the whole world. The child's favorite style, however, is two ponytails that flap like wings on each side of her head, and the final picture is of Keyana triumphantly flying free against the blue sky. Pictures and text reflect the expanding horizons of the child's world as she learns to be proud of her distinctive hair and her heritage. Carolivia Herron's *Nappy Hair* (Knopf, 1997) and Alexis De Veaux's *The Enchanted Hair Tale* (HarperCollins, 1991) treat the same subject well, but this book has a simpler text that can be used both as a read-aloud to a group or on a mother's lap. A very special book about self-acceptance. Judith Constantinides, East Baton Rouge Parish Main Library, Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the School & Library Binding edition.

By age two my daughter had already been asked by some girls at her daycare why her hair looked and felt different than theirs. It is important to me for her to feel confident in herself and to be able to reinforce positive images of a girl who looks similar, wears her hair in styles that my daughter wears and is beautiful. My daughter especially loves the parts about the hair combing rituals that we partake in and asks me to read those parts over and over.

My daughter and I LOOVE this book. We can totally relate to Keyanna and her mom. We were both laughing as we read it for the first time because it was the exact things we do. My 6 yr old daughter is in a mostly white school and up until I got the book, she always asked why she didn't have long and silky hair like the blondes and brunettes in her class. She is now very confident in her look. Other books I got her were "Big Hair, Don't care", "Penny and the Magic Puffballs" and "I'm a Pretty Little Black Girl".

I just received this today and couldn't wait to read it to my 2 yr old. What a great book to help instill self-esteem in our young girls that may not always feel so beautiful in a world that only acknowledges straight hair and loose curls as beautiful. Even my 13 yr old cuddled with us and listened.

The book arrived quickly and in tact. It's a little larger than I was expecting but that's great given that I purchased it for my daughter. I look forward to reading this with her. Would recommend to anyone!

My daughter loves this book. She always tells me "that girl has hair like me" or "she is brown like me". People need to remember representation is key. I love that she is able to look at a character

and see herself.

I love this book and it is a great story for any girl who has natural hair that is unruly and/or curly. I enjoy reading this to my daughter and I hope she loves herself as she is. I am bi-racial and struggled with loving my own hair. I straightened with chemicals and heat styling for almost 20 years before finally wearing it natural after I had my daughter (due to new baby budgeting and new parent time constraints). Some of my friends and coworkers didn't even know my natural hair was curly and thought I'd gotten a perm to curl it- shame on me. Now, I love my hair!

My 7 year old great-niece enjoyed reading "I Love My Hair". She read it out loud to me and her mother. I bought the book for her because I believe it's so important for little Black girls to embrace their natural hair!

In a country which stigmatizes and marginalizes anything that is contrary to the majority, books like this are needed for young girls. This book is beautifully illustrated and shows the various ways little girls can style their thick natural curly hair and some of the challenges endured through the styling process. This is the go to book for my little niece who is 4, as she can relate to the experience. It shines the light on the versatility and beauty of being a little black girl when there are so many messages in the USA that send the opposite message. Kudos to the author and illustrator for having the insight to create such a book.

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