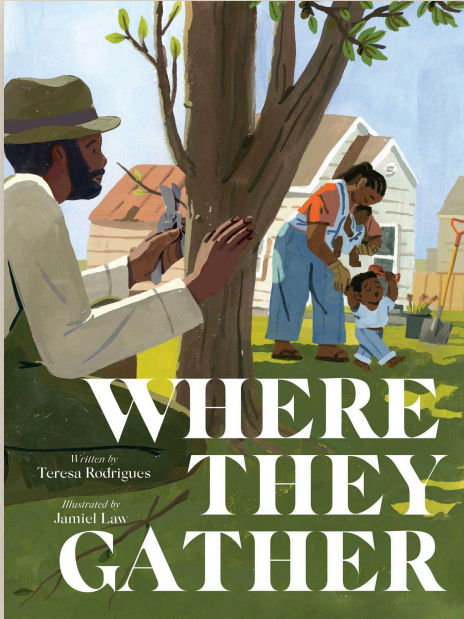


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# Where They Gather

A lyrical story about strength, resilience, and hope.

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*Roots take hold and settle in,  
creeping far and free.  
They stake their claim in barren ground—  
a dream of what will be.  
Here, they hope together.*

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## About the Book

WHERE THEY GATHER is a lyrical story about a resilient Black family, told through the enduring presence of a pecan tree growing alongside each new generation, mirroring their strength, perseverance, and legacy through changing seasons and time.

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## Marketing Hooks

Ideal for family and classroom discussions on:

- ◆ Black history units
- ◆ SEL discussions
- ◆ Intergenerational storytelling
- ◆ Family history and traditions
- ◆ Resilience
- ◆ Community and belonging
- ◆ Poetry, rhyme, and lyrical language
- ◆ STEM connections: seasons and the growth of a tree

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