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Quarterly Review of Children's and Young Adults' Books

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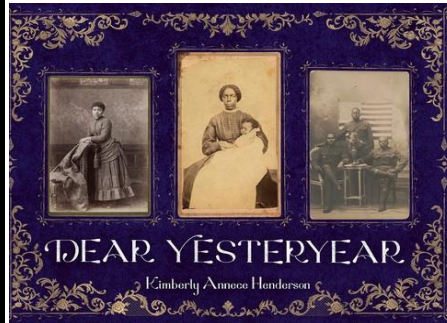
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Classification

Nonfiction (305.896)

Grade level

2-5



Book Review: DEAR YESTERYEAR

DEAR YESTERYEAR is a unique book that features black-and-white portraits of everyday African Americans from the late 1800s and early 1900s. They are beautiful and dignified. The lyrical commentary is part letter to those posing for a portrait and part curious questioning of what might have happened before or after the photo was made. The author wonders about the life of the one posing, and imagines scenarios around the images. These portraits present everyday life of the time including images of individuals who are formally dressed as well as candid shots like of a girl playing the piano and men at a barbershop. This book portrays successful, beautiful African Americans living life in the United States.



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