

Celebrate the Brown Girl and All Her Complexities!

Youth Advocate and Minister Gathers Personal and Insightful Stories about What it's Like to be a Young Woman of Color Today

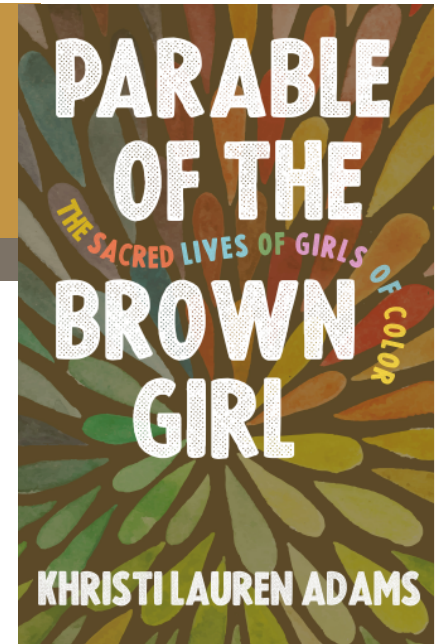
Parable of the Brown Girl: The Sacred Lives of Girls of Color by Khristi Lauren Adams

The stories of girls of color are often overlooked, unseen, and ignored rather than valued and heard. In *Parable of the Brown Girl* (adult nonfiction), readers are introduced to the resilience, struggle, and hope held within these stories. Instead of relegating these young women of color to the margins, Adams brings their stories front and center where they belong.

By sharing encounters she's had with girls of color that revealed profound cultural, historical and spiritual truths, Adams magnifies the struggles, dreams, wisdom, and dignity of these voices. Thought-provoking and inspirational, *Parable of the Brown Girl* is a powerful example of how God uses the narratives we most often ignore to teach us the most important lessons in life. It's time to pay attention.

TALKING POINTS AND TIMELY TOPICS

- February is Black History Month - celebrate black women
- March is Women's History Month - Raising independent, strong women and showing them how to take control of their lives and their situations
- Uncovering spiritual and cultural truths for young women of color: heritage, family, hair, skin, voice, body type/image
- True stories from young Black/African American girls - excerpts/sidebars/videos
- Real struggles that Black/African American girls face and how that relates to timely topics of race relations, #MeToo, women's rights/equality, etc.
- The July 2020 Becoming Conference
- Christian angle: Biblical parables/narratives/lessons that we need to revisit/how they apply today to young women
- Christian angle: Ways that girls of color can imagine their place in God's story, how they can make a difference in the world, and do great things for God



BOOK DETAILS

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“*Parable of the Brown Girl* serves as a critical reminder that what we believe to be strength and resilience among black girls is often their fear, uncertainty, and vulnerability masked. It is **essential reading for teachers, principals, administrators, parents, counselors, after-school program leaders**, and anyone seeking to better understand the lives, complexities, and brilliance of black girls.” —**Tiffany Gill, founder of Black Girls Unscripted**

“In *Parable of the Brown Girl*, Adams introduces us to brown girls by name, skillfully setting their personal stories against everyday stereotypes, turning them and us on our heads to see how Scripture shows us all a better way to see one another fully.” —**Kathy Khang, speaker and author of *Raise Your Voice***

“*Parable of the Brown Girl* centers the stories of black girls in ways that engage the reader to reflect on the lived experiences of girls of color. Adams’ writing shows us all that the *imago Dei* resides within these girls and that we get to know God better when we truly see, nurture, and uplift black girls.” —**Rozella Haydée White, Theologian, Coach, Speaker and Author of *Love Big: The Power of Revolutionary Relationships to Heal the World***

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