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# A Story About Afiya

James Berry & Anna Cunha

Some people have dresses for every occasion but Afiya needs only one. Her dress records the memories of her childhood, from roses in bloom to pigeons in flight, from tigers at the zoo to October leaves falling. A joyful celebration of a young girl's childhood, written by the late multi-awardwinning Jamaican poet James Berry OBE.

# **KEY TOPICS:**

Poetry; Caribbean; Identity; Childhood; Imagination; Nature; Diversity

## **KEY SELLING POINTS:**

- Published in collaboration with the James Berry Estate
- A celebration of a young girl's imagination and natural childhoods, gorgeously illustrated
- Poems featuring diverse protagonists build empathy and encourage readers to take on different perspectives #WeNeedDiverseBooks
- James Berry is a multi-award winning Jamaican poet #OwnVoices

#### **ABOUT THE CREATORS:**

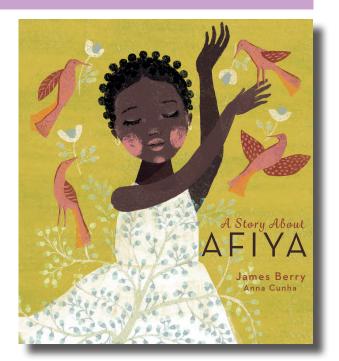
James Berry was a celebrated Jamaican poet, living in the UK. Winner of multiple awards including the Coretta Scott King Book Award and the Smarties Grand Prix, he was awarded an OBE by the Queen for services to poetry. He passed away in 2017.

**Anna Cunha** is an award-winning Brazilian artist who has illustrated more than 20 books for Brazilian and international publishers. Her work has been shortlisted for the Jabuti Prize and received a João-de-Barro Prize honourable mention.



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