Dream Street is based on the neighborhood where the award-winning and bestselling creative team (and real life cousins!) Tricia Elam Walker and Ekua Holmes grew up. Sure to be a modern classic, Dream Street is perfect for fans of All Because You Matter, Crown, and Faith Ringgold’s Tar Beach. It is also a perfect entry point for young readers to discuss community and celebrate Black joy.

Use these questions to guide your conversation. Whether you are able to host your event in your store or virtually, no storytime is complete without an activity! Either photocopy the back side of this page or send it out digitally so that your audience can play along and extend the event.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS TOGETHER

1. Ask your participants to describe their “Dream Street.” Is it a place? Is it a group of people?

2. On page 6, the children pass Mr. Sidney, who is a fixture of their community. What does “Don’t wait to have a great day. Create one!” mean? How can your readers embody that message daily?

3. Black culture is celebrated in this story, including through the addition of specific things like “double Dutch” and “the Hat Lady.” Discuss culture and the cultures around us. What do your participants love and celebrate about their communities?
IT’S TIME TO CREATE AND DECORATE YOUR OWN CROWN, HERE’S WHAT YOU’LL NEED:

• Scissors  • Hole Punch  • String or Ribbon  • Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils to Decorate

1. Decorate your crown however you like! Bring your own style to it.
2. With a grown-up’s help, cut out the crown.
3. Check for fit and glue the ends together. If you need it to be larger, add ribbon or string to create a more adjustable fit.