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Reimagining Genealogy for Nontraditional Families: *My Family Tree Has Roots*

written by Tina Mowrey
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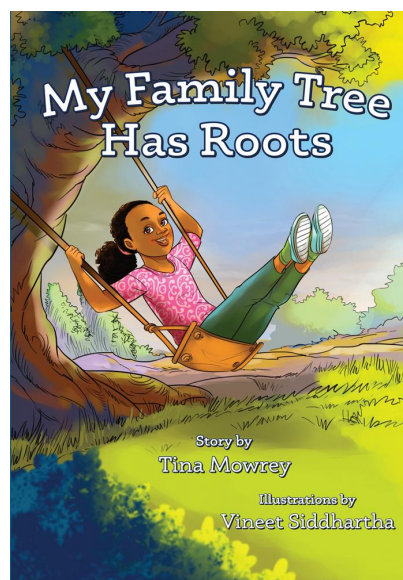
“A sweet, empowering story that lovingly tackles the dynamics of an adopted child’s family tree.”

- Noreen Paulson, author, *Benny’s True Colors*

[BrandyLane Publishers, Inc.](#) of Richmond, Virginia, is excited to announce the upcoming release of a new children’s book, [My Family Tree Has Roots](#), written by Tina Mowrey and illustrated by Vineet Siddhartha.

Most of the kids in Jasmyn’s class have a straightforward family tree: grandparents, parents, and children; aunts, uncles, and cousins. But Jasmyn’s family is bigger than just one bunch of branches, or even several! How can she create a family tree that has a place for everyone who has helped shape her life?

Featuring lively, colorful illustrations and myriad ways to think about many types of loving families—each special in their own way—*My Family Tree Has Roots* is scheduled for release on February 8, 2022.



When Jasmyn's teacher assigns a family tree project to the class, Jasmyn can't help but feel uneasy. She loves her family, but she's not sure how everyone fits together. Jasmyn is especially unsure about where to place her birth parents. To complete her project, Jasmyn must look at her tree in a different way.

About the Author

[Tina Mowrey](#) is a transplant from Massachusetts who now lives in Austin, Texas, where even the sun shines bigger and brighter! Having been a singer/songwriter for years, Tina decided to put pen to paper and try her hand at writing picture books. It was much harder than she had expected, but she loved it from the start.

When she isn't writing picture books, Tina spends her time working as an eighth-grade language arts teacher, and keeping up with her own family of four humans—and five pets!

About the Illustrator

[Vineet Kumar Siddartha](#) was born in 1982 in Lucknow, India, and is known for his acute attention to form. He earned his master of fine arts in the late 2000s and has worked in various design firms and animation studios. He has also illustrated numerous children's books and comic books and won multiple awards for his work, which has been published all around the world.

Interviews available upon request.

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My Family Tree Has Roots (hardcover, 32 pages, \$22.95 / paperback, 32 pages, \$13.95) is available for pre-order from [Amazon](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), and other fine booksellers. Kindle e-book (retail \$2.99) forthcoming.