

# BRIAN KEITH HARRIS II

EDUCATOR / AUTHOR / SPEAKER



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## MEET THE EDUCATOR, AUTHOR AND SPEAKER

Brian Keith Harris II is an award-winning educator, lecturer, and motivational speaker, recognized for his work in transforming the landscape for black and brown children through teaching history, poetry, and dance. He is the Founder of Cultivating Young Kings, an organization that provides best practices and training for teachers, school districts, and community leaders who educate and work with black and brown boys in and out of the classroom.

He is also the Founder and Artistic Director of Sons of Freedom Dance Institute, an organization that nurtures character, increases social awareness, and builds a spiritual foundation for black and brown boys through classical and contemporary forms of dance and movement.

Brian has traveled throughout the country lecturing at professional education conferences discussing innovative teaching practices in the classroom. He has worked with many educational organizations including the **Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color**, **Black Male Educators for Social Justice**, **The LEEP to College Foundation**, and **The L.I.G.H.T. Teen Summit**. Brian's experiences as an elementary school educator and school administrator, gives him a first-hand perspective on the role of educators and school systems in improving the quality of education for students of color.

Brian currently serves as the Director of Outplacement and Graduate Support at Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys, a tuition-free Episcopal school educating boys in underserved communities in Washington, DC.

Brian is the author of children's book, **I Am My History** and **Freedom's Design: 20 Days of Empowering Young Black Kings**.



# EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS



## EDUCATOR AND YOUTH WORKSHOPS

**“Educators have the power to create lasting change for our students and introduce them to a world of limitless possibilities.”**

As an educational workshop facilitator and presenter, Brian K. Harris II supports the work of educators, mentors, community leaders and school districts, who are invested in producing successful outcomes for children in urban and culturally diverse communities. His workshops for both educators and students are empowering and steeped in his educational philosophy that focuses on the power of cultural legacy as a prerequisite for writing individual and collective narratives. He has gained credibility and respect among his colleagues with over 15 years of experience in guiding educators and leading students.



His professional consultations, workshop presentations, professional developments and/or keynote addresses are highly informative, engaging, and inspiring.

### **Educator Workshops:**

- **Mindfulness and Movement in the Classroom**
- **Transformational Practices for Black boys**
- **Culturally Spiritual Teaching**
- **The Arts and Social-Emotional Learning and Development**

### **Youth Workshops:**

- **Mindfulness and Movement in and out of the classroom**
- **Cultural Identity and Legacy**
- **Spiritual Development**
- **Entrepreneurship Strategies and Skills**

# BOOK RELEASES

## **I Am My History**

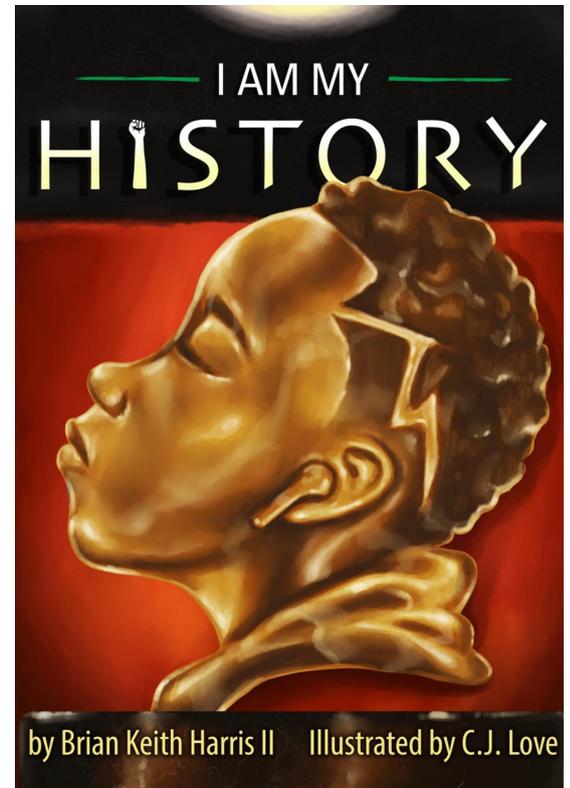
**(grades K-3):**

An inspirational tribute to the ancestors of Black and brown children. It celebrates the power, strength, and richness of Black History and Culture by shining the light on those ancestors whose creativity and resilience lives in each of us. With confidence, awareness, and pride we too can accomplish extraordinary things and change the world just like those who came before us.

Educators who purchase this inspiring book, can also benefit from additional teacher lessons, multimedia presentations and supplemental resources that extend the learning of students and helps them to learn about Black History, culture and historical figures whose contributions to the world are impactful.

"Now more than ever our kids need to know they are royalty and that their roots run deep and ripens into greatness. Remind your child, they are great and have them repeat these words, I AM MY HISTORY."

**-Briana Perkins  
Founder  
LIT for Black Kids**



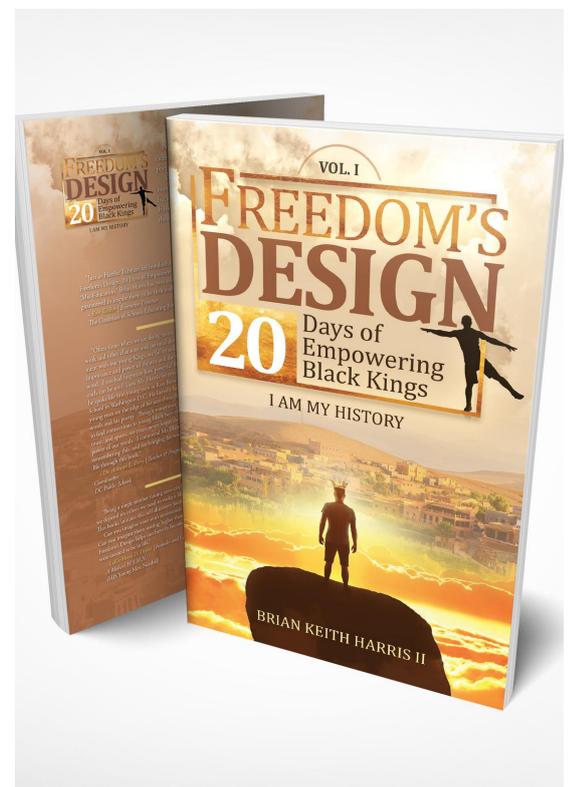
## **Freedom's Design: 20 Days of Empowering Black Kings** **grades 4-8):**

A powerful anthology that educates, empowers, and inspires Black boys through inspirational poetry and affirmations for 20 days. It affirms the gifts, talents and uniqueness of Black boys, while introducing them to their legacy of resilience, courage and strength.

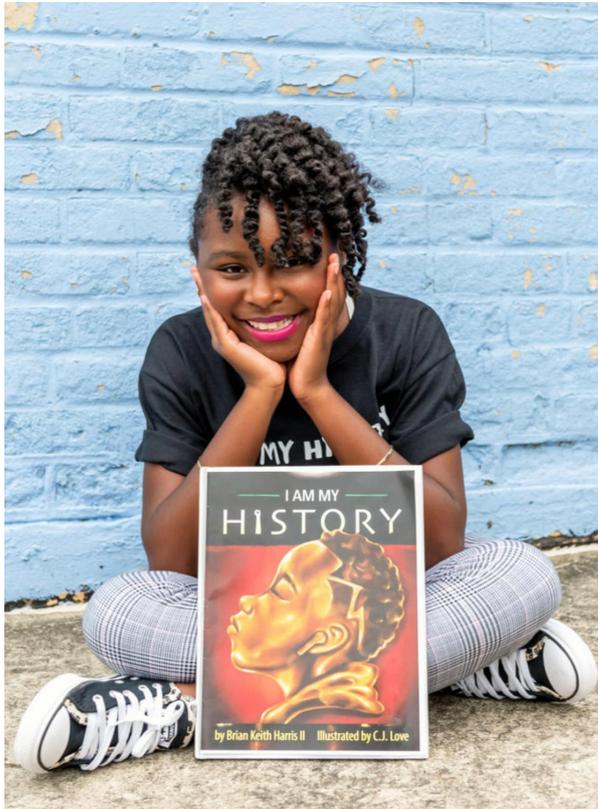
Each day comes equipped with reflection questions for boys to answer, discuss and share with others and a series of historical topics to explore. This is an excellent book to use during a Morning Writing Activity, Advisory Block or during Black History Month.

"Just as Harriet Tubman led hundreds to Freedom through the Underground Railroad, so will Freedom's Design : 20 Days of Empowering Black Kings liberate our sons from the shackles of cultural 'Mis-Education.' Brian Harris has provided Black boys with 20 days of powerful affirmations and poems guaranteed to inspire them to be their authentic selves. It's a must read"

**- Ron Walker  
Executive Director  
The Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color**



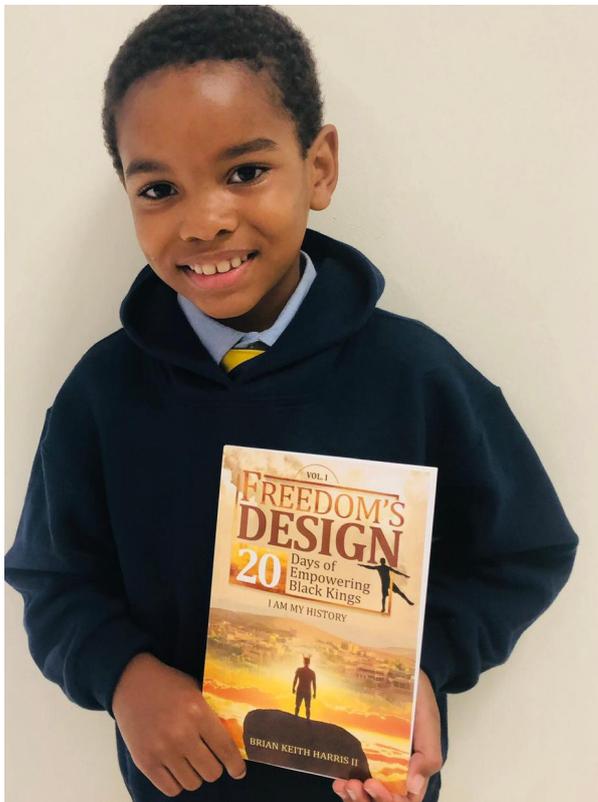
# AUTHOR'S TALK & MOTIVATIONAL SPEECHES



## AUTHOR'S TALK

**“Literacy helps students to embrace and own their story. Reading gives students the freedom to make choices and learn about the community and world around them.”**

Brian Keith Harris II offers engaging and inspiring Author's Talk to schools and educational organizations around the country. His animated and dramatic presentation style, compels students to become advent readers, develop a love for language and feel confident in their own gifts, talents and abilities. If your school is committed to hearing from authors who have a passion for educating students, believes in the power of imagination and embraces the Arts as a way to engage listeners, then sign up for an Author Talk today!



## MOTIVATIONAL SPEECHES

**“Motivation through words and actions empower children to write their own narratives and journey through life with self-confidence and pride.”**

Brian Keith Harris II has spent over 15 years positively impacting the lives of children through his inspirational talks and speeches. He covers a variety of topics that speak to the climate of the country and world and empower children to become agents of change in their communities, schools and among their peers.

His animated and engaging style leaves audiences feeling equipped to tackle their obstacles and achieve success in every area of their lives.

# TESTIMONIALS



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"Often times when we are doing restorative work and other character and personal development with our young kings, we fail to realize the importance and power of the Arts and the Spoken Word. I too had forgotten how powerful they each can be until I saw Brian Harris for myself as he spoke life into the young men at Ron Brown High School in Washington, DC. He literally had each young man on the edge of his seat through his words and poetry."

**Dr. Antwan Perry**  
**Educational Consultant**

"I highly recommend that everyone who is committed to the liberation, empowerment, and holistic development of Black children, get at least one copy of each of Brian Harris' books. Both books are major depictions of the genius that resides within our communities, while simultaneously giving us hope that "we will overcome one day." His books need to be in every school, community organization and faith institution."

**Dr. Ron Whitaker**  
**Director of the Center for Urban Education, Equity and Improvement**  
**Cabrini University**

"I had an opportunity to participate in the Cultivating Young Kings Annual Gathering, hosted by Brian Harris. I was impressed by the information that was shared about best practices in the classroom for children of color. I was also inspired by Mr. Harris and his passion to ensure that students in urban and diverse communities receive access to quality teaching and support services in order for them to have successful outcomes in life." I definitely walked away empowered and renewed in doing this work."

**- Niani Smith**  
**Licensed Clinical Social Worker**



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