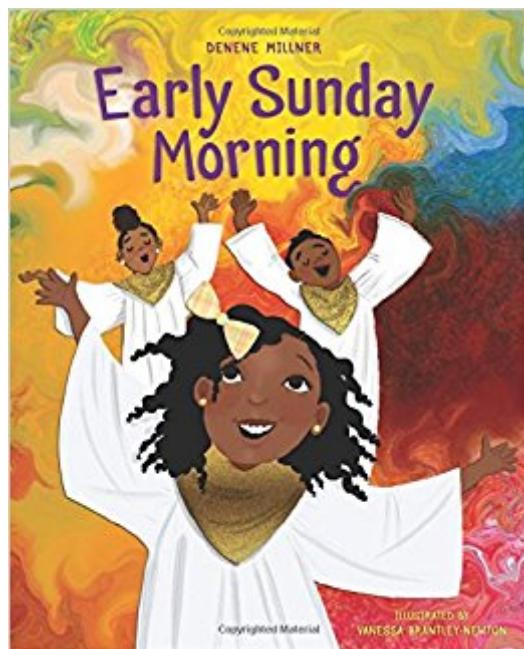


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# Early Sunday Morning (Denene Millner Books)



## Synopsis

Early Sunday Morning is the first offering from Denene Millner Books, the new children's line published under Agate's Bolden imprint in partnership with Denene Millner, the noted parenting authority, editor, and New York Times bestselling author. Love and family. These are the things that a little girl finds most special about Sunday mornings. Early Sunday Morning follows June, Mommy, Daddy, and brother Troy through their weekend routine as June prepares for a special performance leading the children's choir at church on Sunday morning. Readers spend the weekend with June as she collects helpful pieces of advice on how to be less nervous about her big solo. Along the way, she visits the barbershop with Mommy and Troy, gets her hair done by Mommy, receives a special dress from her aunt, and shares her family ritual of getting ready for Sunday morning service. As her special moment approaches, June leans on the support of her whole family, as well as advice from her father, to conquer her fear of singing in front of the congregation. Early Sunday Morning is a heartwarming celebration of the special time a young girl and her family share together as she learns how to lift her mighty voice.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 9 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Praise for Early Sunday Morning: "Millner sensitively reflects her heroine's

performance anxiety and warmly details the traditions of this churchgoing family . . . .

Brantley-Newton’s glowing mixed-media images capture the love shared among the members of the girls’ family and the jubilant atmosphere of their church. “This uplifting story celebrates courage and love.

Brantley-Newton’s energetic illustrations add a perfect visual complement in their affirming depiction of this tight-knit family. Moreover, children who love singing will find much with which to identify.”

•Booklist “Features vibrant illustrations from Vanessa Brantley-Newton that show the warmth of Black family life. . . . If the first three tomes are any indication, Denene Millner Books will continue to highlight the best talent and reads for an audience who truly deserves both.”

•Essence “As entertaining as it is inspiring and very highly recommended.”

•Midwest Book Review “If you are searching for an uplifting book about love and family to share with your child, I highly recommend Early Sunday Morning.”

•The Parenting Patch “It’s definitely a charmer; in fact, once you’ve read Early Sunday Morning once, you’ll be singing its praises, too.”

•Terri Schlichenmeyer, *The Bookworm Sez* “We really enjoyed reading this adorable book! The thing I love the most is that it highlights a situation children (of all races) might encounter in their everyday lives. . . . The colorful, hand drawn pictures are so detailed and beautiful adding even more life to the story. . . . A beautiful story.”

•Here Wee Read

Denene Millner is a New York Times best-selling author, award-winning journalist, and contributing editor at Agate Publishing where she directs the Denene Millner Books imprint. She has penned 25 books, including *Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man*, co-written with Steve Harvey; an upcoming memoir with actress Taraji P. Henson; and *The Vow*, the novel on which the hit Lifetime original movie, *With This Ring* was based. She also is the founder of MyBrownBaby.com, a critically acclaimed blog that examines the intersection of parenting and race. Millner frequently contributes to *Essence*, *Ebony*, and *Redbook*, and has appeared on the *Today Show*, *The Meredith Vieira Show*, *HLN*, *MSNBC*, and *NPR*. She lives in Atlanta with her husband and two daughters. Vanessa Brantley-Newton is a self-taught illustrator whose passion for children’s books began when she came across *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jacks Keats as a child in the 1960s. The *Snowy Day* marked one of the first representations of a black children in picture books, and seeing a character who looked like her and lived in a neighborhood like her own was a turning point in Vanessa’s life. She hopes to inspire young readers as Keats did for her. Vanessa has illustrated more than 30 books, and is the author and illustrator of *Let Freedom Sing* and *Don’t Let Auntie*

Mabel Bless the Table. Vanessa lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, with her husband of 22 years and their daughter Zoe and a very rambunctious cat named Stripes.

This book brought me right back to my childhood as I prepared nervously for my big solo. I sang on two youth choirs, The Asbury Supremes and the Quinn Chapel AME Youth Choir, and I can still taste the unease and fear as I braced for the moment to make a joyful noise until the Lord! Early Sunday Morning is an instant classic because it so eloquently and beautifully captures the moment leading up to the big day and of course, the day itself. My 4-year-old son loved it! He had loads of questions so it sparked a good bit of dialogue. Thanks Denene for this timeless and universal story, but one that particularly resonates with brown babies everywhere.

A great heroine who teaches kids about overcoming their fears. Gorgeous artwork and a positive, empowering message for kids.

My family and I loved Early Sunday Morning! We traveled an emotional journey with the little girl and her family. As a family who attends church weekly the story resonated with us powerfully. We were nervous, sad, scared and happy along with the girl. This is a must have book for every family who attends church together.

One of the sweetest children's books we've read. Follow a little girl to her big solo Easter Sunday as her family and community help her calm her nerves. The illustrations are rich and beautiful and the surprise ending will melt you. My kiddos and I love it.

A beautiful story with courage at the center. I would recommend this especially if you are looking for more delightful stories with POC as the main character.

Bought four copies of this book and have only given two to the recipients. They both LOVED it! Just ordered five more to give as gifts. Thank you Denene Millner for making sure little brown girls will be able to see girls who look like them in print.

Beautiful book, stunning illustrations.

This book is well written and well illustrated. My children instantly loved it!

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