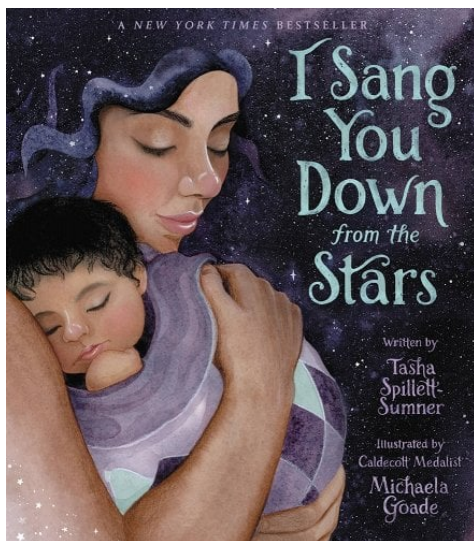


Book of Month:



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Where to find it:

- DC Public Library
- YouTube (read aloud)
- SWS

***I Sang You Down From the Stars* has themes of Family, Community, Gathering, Connection to Elders, Anticipation, Birth, Celebration of the bond between parent and child.**

For more activities, resources and interactive features, visit <https://www.swsidea.org/>

Think About It:

What do you think the phrase "I sang you down from the stars" means?

Have you ever helped to prepare for the arrival of a new baby, whether a sibling, relative, or friend? What did you do? Why were those preparations important?

Were you given any important objects when you were a baby? What were they, and what meaning do they have for you?

It can be hard to be kind to someone you have never met. Have you ever tried to do this? How did you do it? How does the mother in the story show kindness and love to the baby she has not yet met?

Why does the mother say the baby is also a sacred bundle? Do you think you are a sacred bundle? Why?

Do Something:

Do some research into the culture, history, and traditional stories of the Inniniwak (Cree) and Tlingit Nations.

Do you notice any connections with the words or illustrations from the book?

Imagine you are making a bundle to give to a new baby.

Draw pictures of what you would put in it, and/or write a poem to tell what each item means.