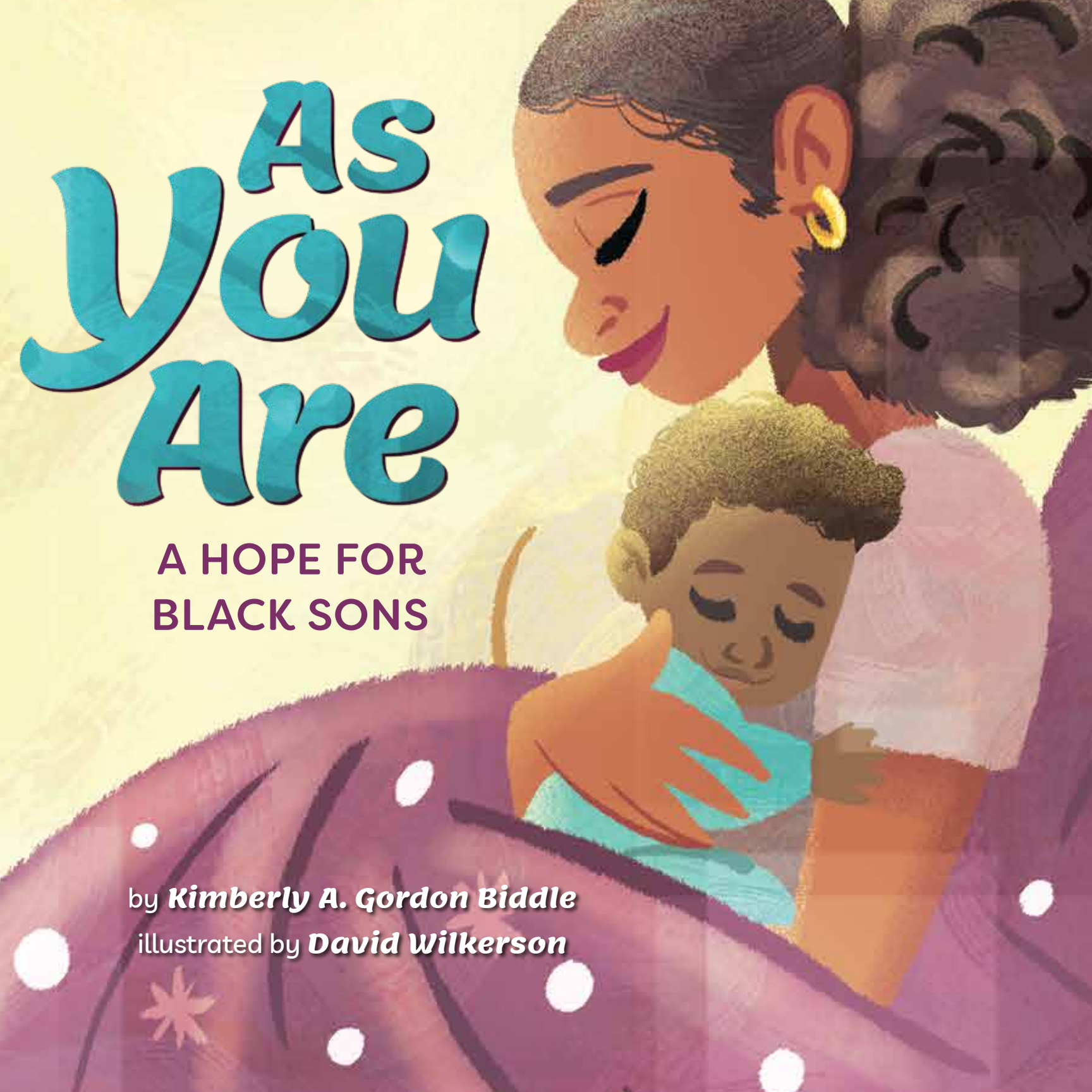


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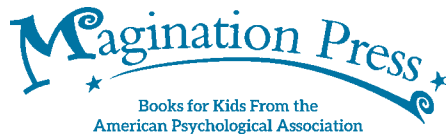
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I loved you and named you
before I knew you.

I loved you and sang to you,
as soon as I met you.

I loved you when you toddled and ran and grew.



My love will follow you forever.



I'll love you and protect you always, my child,



but what can I say of the world?