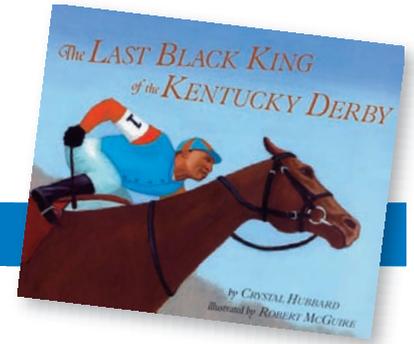


The Last Black King of the Kentucky Derby



A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Black History, Sports, Determination

Grade Level: 3rd to 5th grade

Book Brief: This book tells the true story of Jimmy Winkfield, the last Black jockey to win the Kentucky Derby.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading, build

background: Find out what your child knows about the Kentucky Derby. What does a jockey do?

While reading, pay attention

to the pictures: Notice how small Jimmy looks next to his horse. An average race horse is 16 *hands* (64 inches) high. How tall do you think Jimmy was?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Why did Jimmy want to be a jockey?
- ◆ What do you want to be?
- ◆ How did Jimmy's hero inspire him? Who inspires you?
- ◆ How did Jimmy overcome his challenges? What would you have done?
- ◆ Why do you think there are so few Black jockeys?
- ◆ Have your child retell the story in their own words.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

KENTUCKY DERBY PIE

Ingredients: 1 pie crust, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. melted butter, 2 eggs, 1 c. sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. flour, 1 tsp. vanilla, $\frac{3}{4}$ c. chocolate chips, $\frac{3}{4}$ c. chopped pecans or walnuts

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Pour mixture into unbaked pie crust. Bake at 350° for about 45 minutes. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream. Enjoy!

OUT AND ABOUT

Hold your own Kentucky Derby! Set up races in your neighborhood or with your family. Make the races fun—try running backwards or carrying an egg in a spoon. You could also gallop like a horse, waddle like

a duck, hop like a bunny, etc. Be creative! Form teams and have relay races. Give your teams funny names like race horses have.

HANDS-ON ART

Materials: non-toxic paint, brush, paper, markers

1. Have your child paint their palm and then make a handprint (or handprints) on the paper.
2. Turn the paper in different directions. What does the handprint look like?
3. Let your child use markers to turn the handprint into a picture. How many different pictures can you make out of a single handprint?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Catching the Moon: The Story of a Young Girl's Baseball Dream (2010),
Game, Set, Match, Champion Arthur Ashe (2010).



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It happened last month in western Kentucky, shortly after Necker Island finished third in the Ellis Park Derby to earn a place in the Kentucky Derby. Not long after, he said he saw a tweet that summed up the novelty of Black ownership in horse racing: "To see African-Americans on a major race day is like seeing a unicorn." He does not have a mount in the Kentucky Derby. In fact, while African-American jockeys dominated in the early years of the race, no African-American jockey participated in the Derby between 1921 and 2000, when Marlon St. Julien earned a place in the starting gate. But Carmouche understands how important it is for people to see Harbut, along with his business partner Ray Daniels, in the paddock, especially at the Derby.