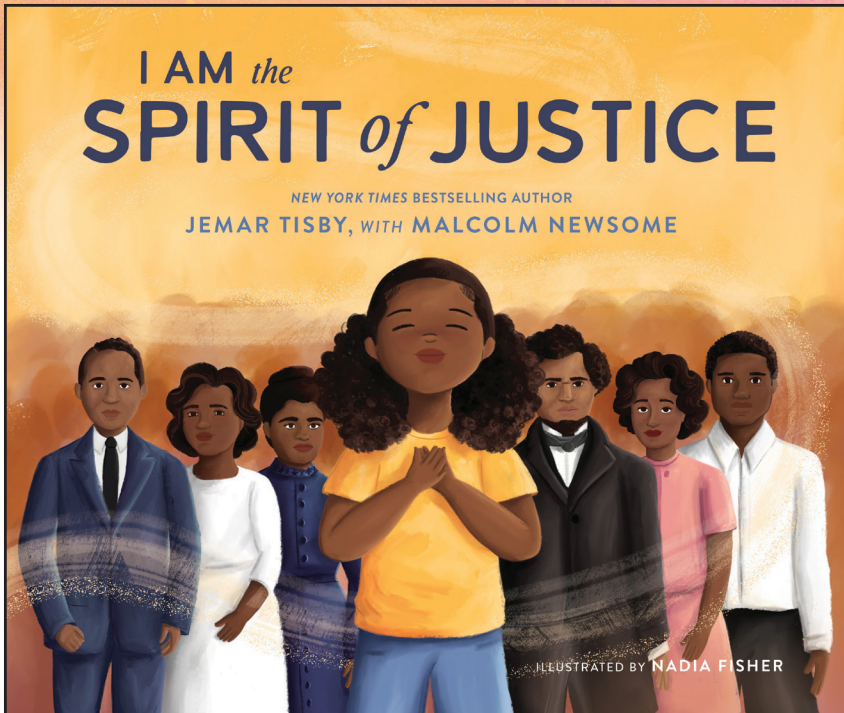


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I AM *the* SPIRIT *of* JUSTICE

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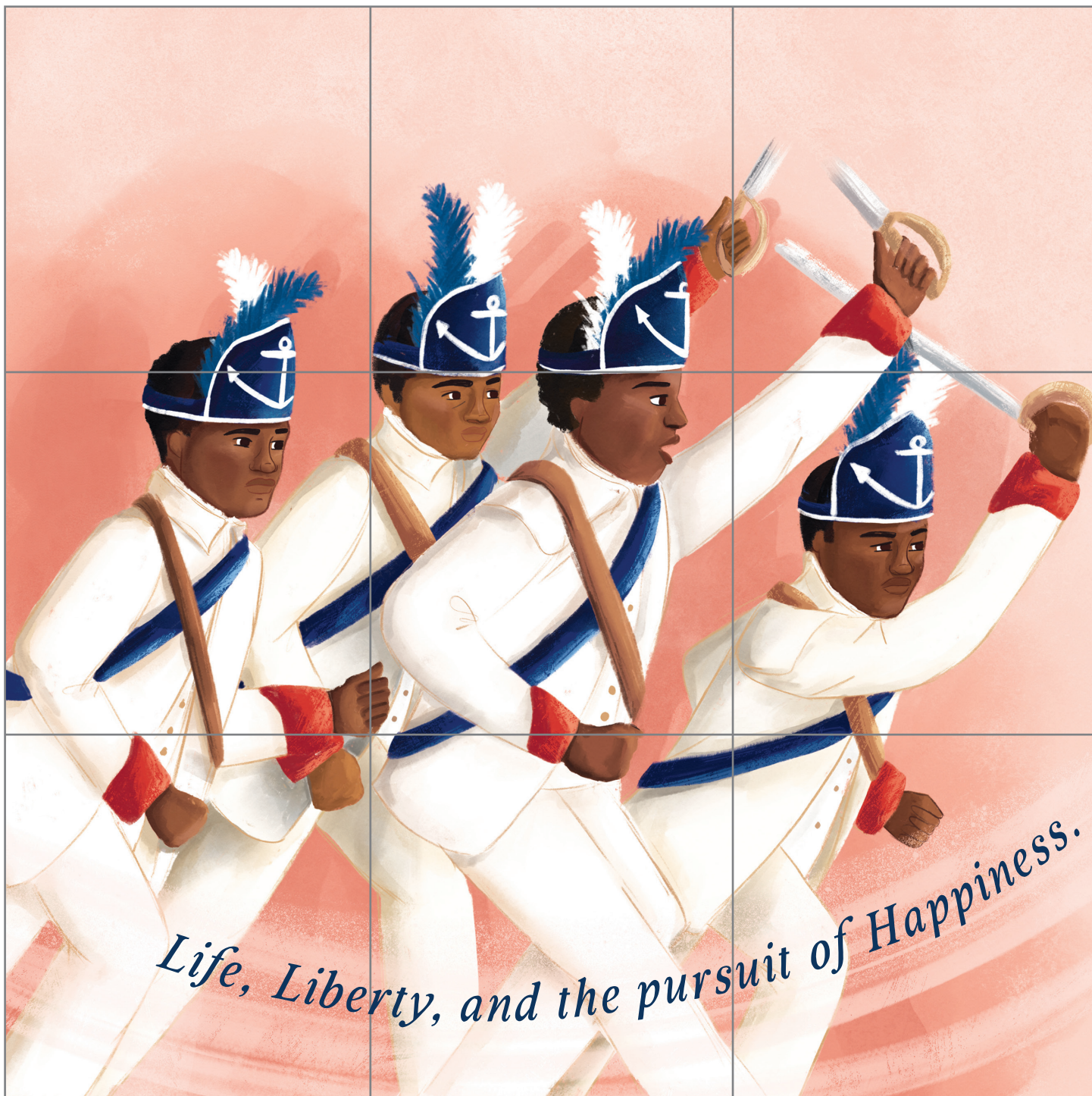
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THE FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS in America didn't begin in the 1960s—Black Americans have been working for justice, freedom, and equality since the first slave ships came to its shores. In *I Am the Spirit of Justice*, *New York Times* bestselling author Jemar Tisby demonstrates that the arc of history bends toward equality. Throughout, the Spirit of Justice is personified as it moves through time, loving the oppressed and inspiring and supporting those who fight for freedom.

I Am the Spirit of Justice is the young reader companion to Jemar Tisby's *The Spirit of Justice* and is cowritten by author and poet Malcolm Newsome, with art by illustrator and activist Nadia Fisher. This beautiful and sweeping book is a great introduction to the history of civil rights for the youngest readers and an important addition to the libraries of anyone working for justice.

Puzzle

The 1st Rhode Island Regiment served in the Revolutionary War as America's first Black military unit. The regiment was one of the few in the Continental Army to remain active during all seven years of the war. Cut out the squares below and mix up the pieces. Reassemble them to honor these brave soldiers who fought for America to be a new, independent nation.



Justice Heroes

These men and women throughout our country's history were inspired by the Spirit of Justice to fight for freedom and equality with their words and actions. Cut out the cards and learn about each hero. Share them with your friends!

Harriet Tubman



While Harriet Tubman is well-known for helping enslaved Black people escape to freedom on the Underground Railroad, she also led Union soldiers on the Combahee River Raid in 1863 that freed more than 700 enslaved people in a single night.

Denmark Vesey



Denmark Vesey organized what would have been one of the most ambitious slave rebellions in US history if the plan had not been given away by fellow enslaved people beforehand.

Phyllis Wheatley



Phyllis Wheatley is credited as being the first enslaved woman to publish a book of poetry in North America. She was one of the best-known poets in America during the late 1700s.

Ida B. Wells



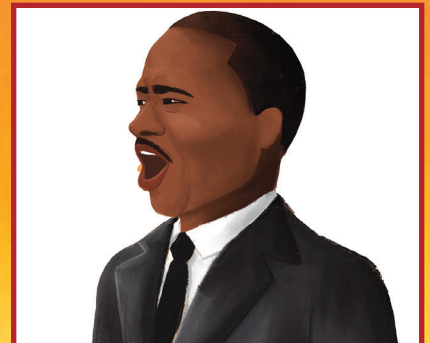
Ida B. Wells was an investigative journalist who wrote about killings of Black Americans living in the South in late 1800s. She brought these senseless deaths to national attention.

Frederick Douglass



Frederick Douglass escaped from slavery and wrote several autobiographies about his experience. He was a national leader for the anti-slavery movement in the 1800s and was known for his powerful speeches.

Martin Luther King Jr.



Martin Luther King, Jr. was a minister and activist who promoted nonviolent resistance to achieve equal rights for Black Americans. He is one of the most important figures in the American Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

Word Scramble

The Spirit of Justice inspires people of all races and backgrounds to work together for freedom and equality for all. Unscramble the letters to reveal a powerful truth.

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Banner

The Spirit of Justice flows through you too! You can use your voice and actions to be a friend to all, to help others, and to call attention to injustice and inequality.

Make and hang this banner in your room!



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Cut out the words and letters and tape them, points facing down, along a ribbon or string to spell I AM THE SPIRIT OF JUSTICE.

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