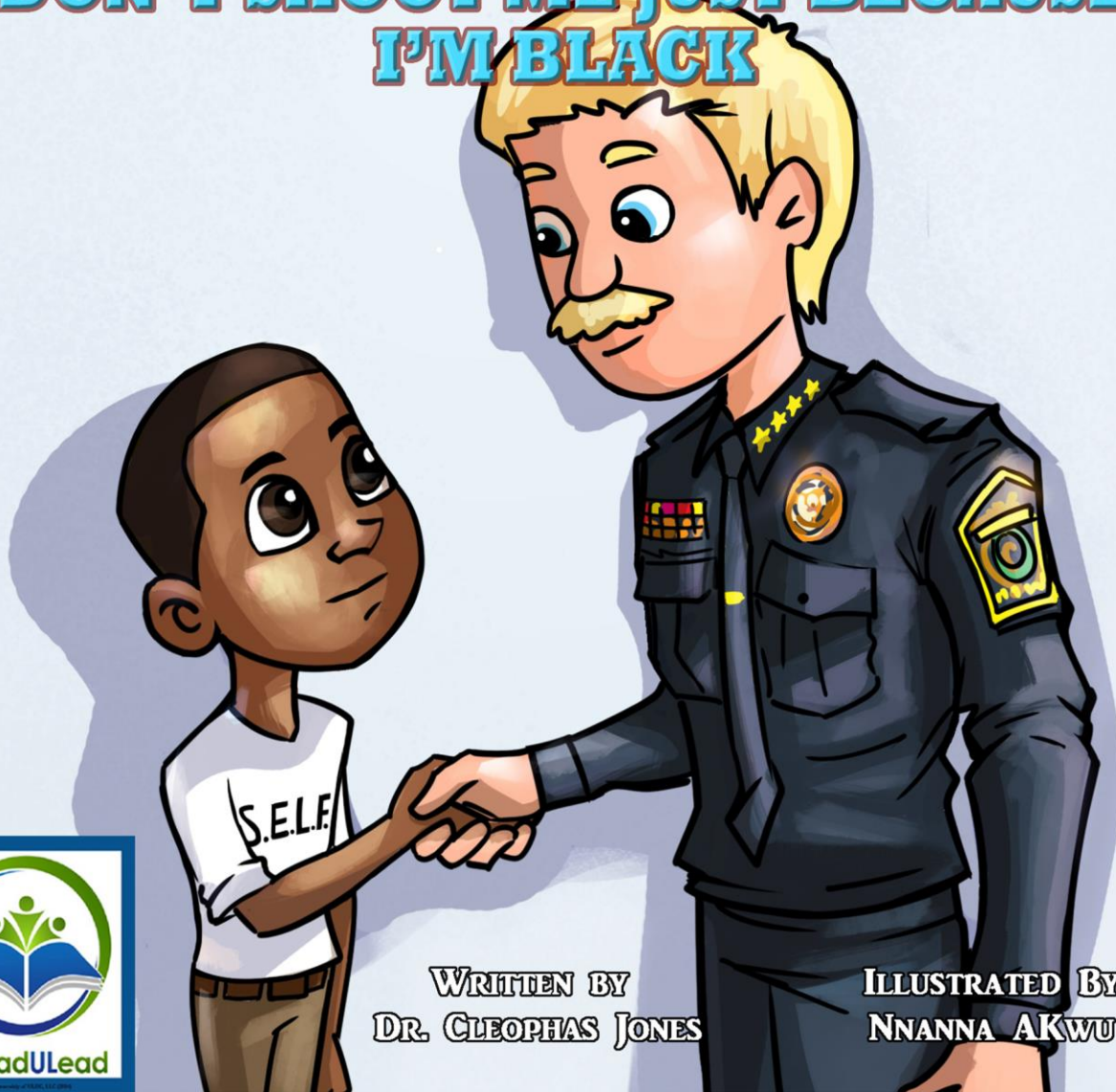


STOP OFFICER! DON'T SHOOT ME JUST BECAUSE I'M BLACK



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Book Summary

Do you know the history and original purpose of the police? Do you know how they were formed? Was government responsible for their creation? Do you know what the mission of the police is today?



These are all excellent questions, and in this “URedULead” selection, Doc Cee attempts to address a serious recurring problem that is happening between police and a particular group of people. Doc Cee emphasizes that when possible, police should always try to communicate with a citizen, intellectually and civilly, to resolve a disagreement or de-escalate a confrontational situation. As you read the story, think about Doc Cee’s message, which is tied to Martin Luther King, Jr.’s message that “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” Can the problem be solved? What advice would you have given to Doc Cee to help him improve this message so that government leaders and persons in authority would be more inclined to listen and act upon it?

Character Trait(s)

Justice, Respect, and Citizenship

Justice and respect for all people helps to make society better. In this story, Doc Cee sends a powerful message to the entire world. It is a message for all people, whether you are young or old, or rich or poor. And this message is that all people deserve to be treated with respect. We also should have laws that ensure justice and fairness. It is important that all people be able to exist in a world where they can work alongside each other and play together in a dignified and responsible manner. Justice for all should resound throughout every corridor and corner, from city to city, country to country, and continent to continent. This helps everyone to become a caring, fair, and respectful citizen.

Who Are Doc Cee and Miss Livy?

Doc Cee and Miss Livy are really cool twins who share exciting adventures at home, in school, and anywhere they end up going.

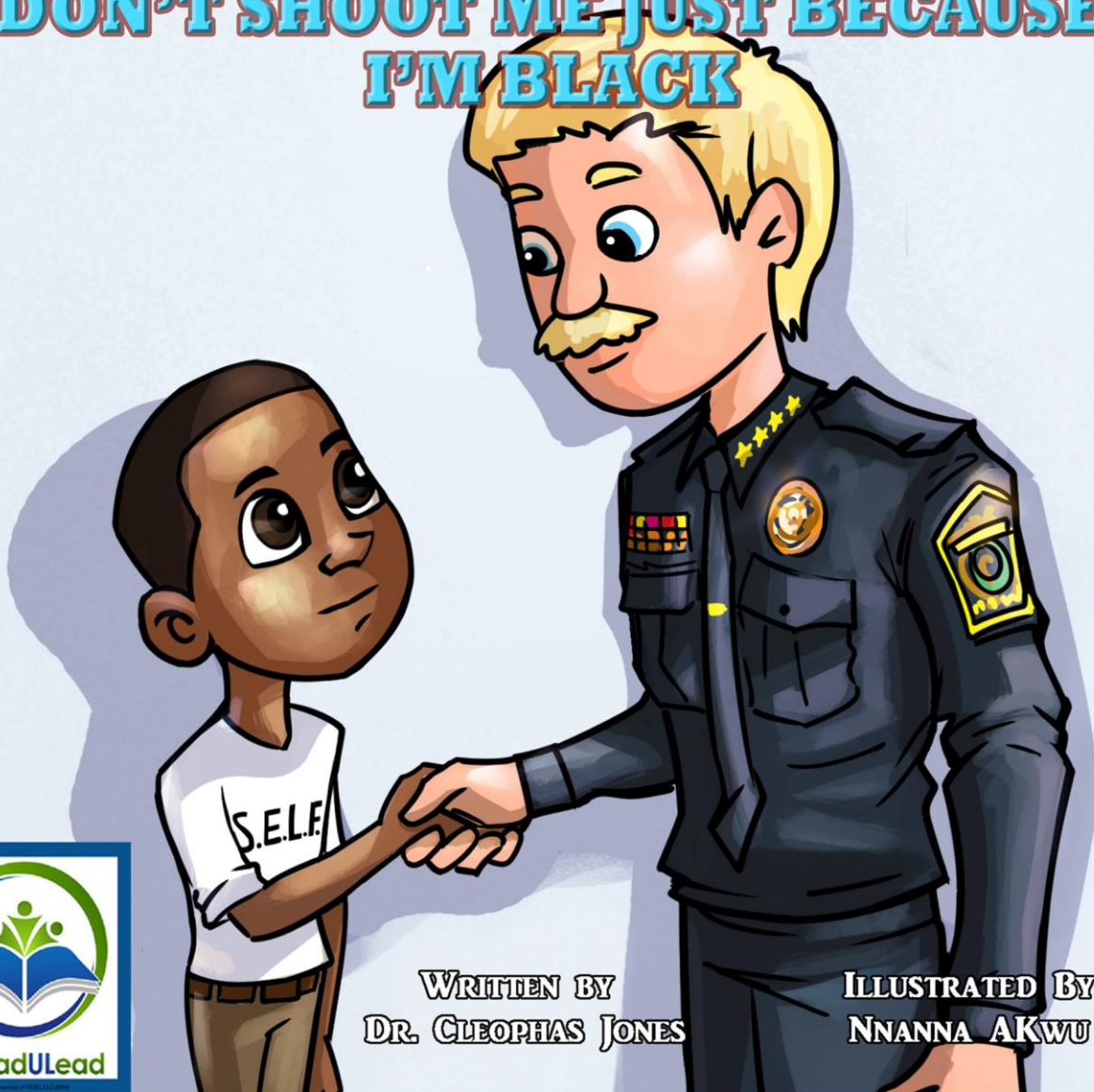
Doc Cee, the elder twin, is a genius known worldwide for his advanced math and science skills. He is highly intelligent, enterprising, and athletically inclined. A natural leader, he finds himself at the forefront of situations. And he always wears his signature hat!



Miss Livy is the loveable, adorable twin sister who uses her wit to aid her brother and friends in their adventures. Like Doc Cee, she is academically gifted and athletically inclined. She loves reading, science, law, music, and gymnastics. Sometimes, she and her friends engage in learning adventures of their own.



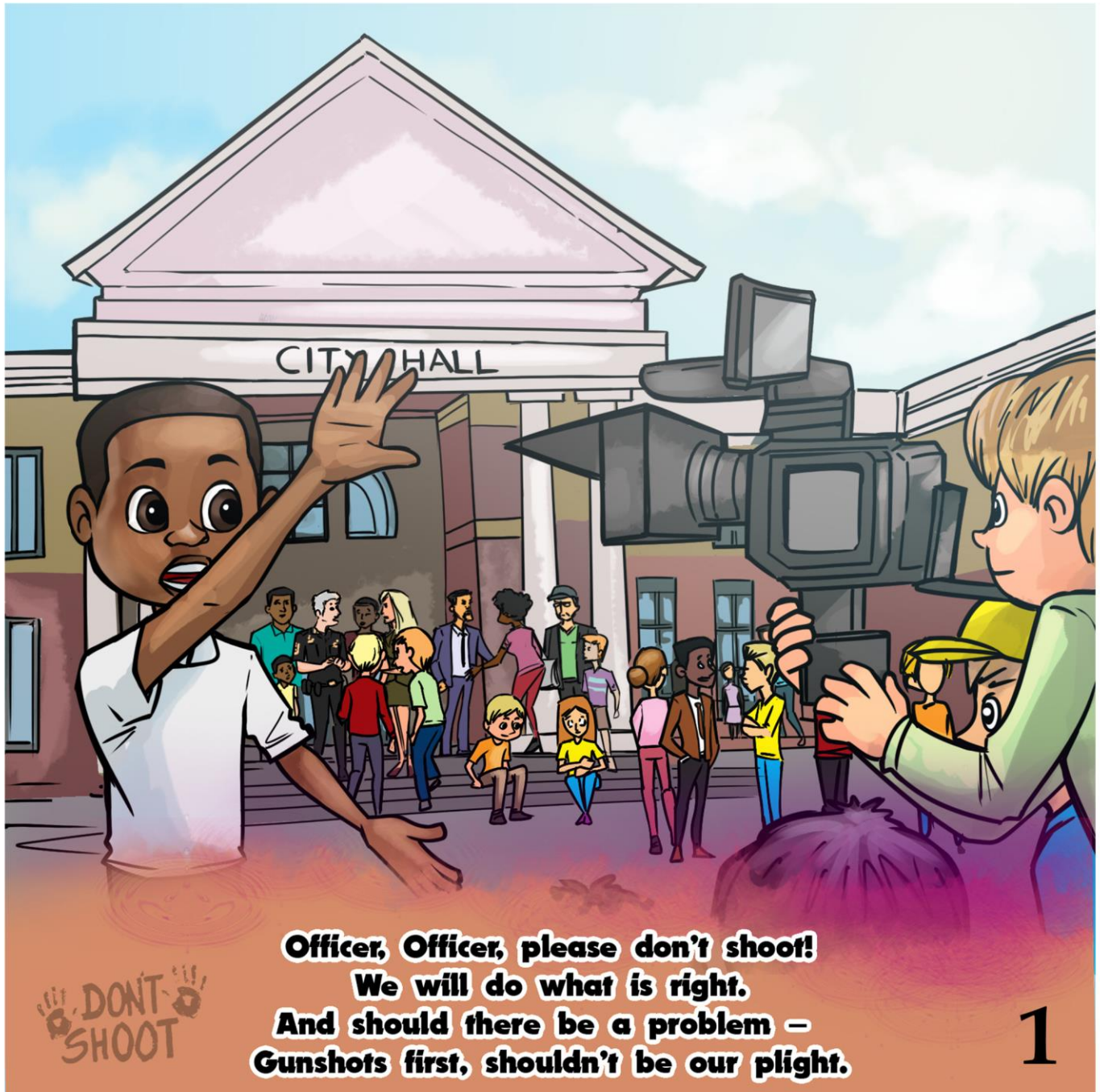
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**Officer, Officer, please don't shoot!
We will do what is right.
And should there be a problem -
Gunshots first, shouldn't be our plight.**

**DONT
SHOOT**



**A verbal command that we can hear,
is all you have to say.
“Place your hands up in the air.”
We’ll listen and obey.**

**DON'T
SHOOT**

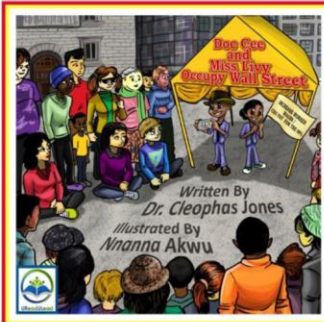
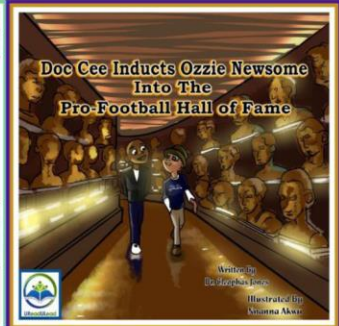
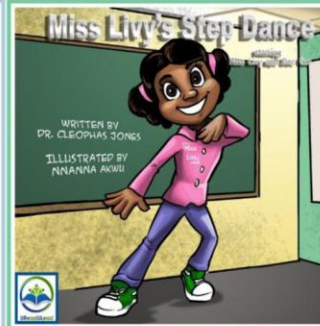
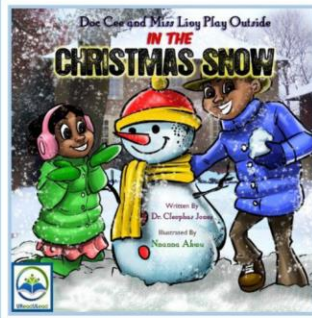
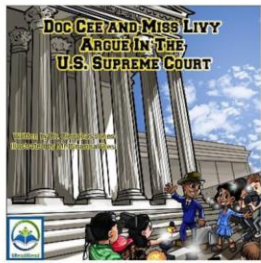
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**A verbal command is all we need –
Words spoken clear and true.
And that will work on people like me.
The same as people like you.**

**DON'T
SHOOT**

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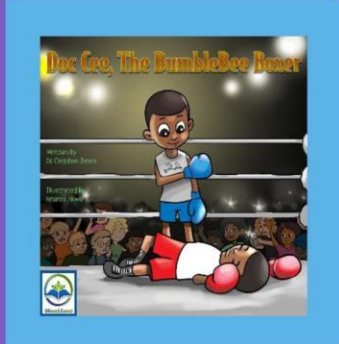
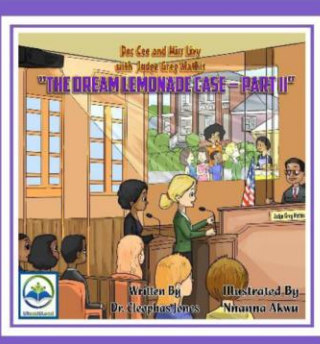
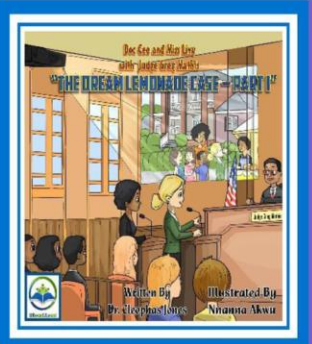
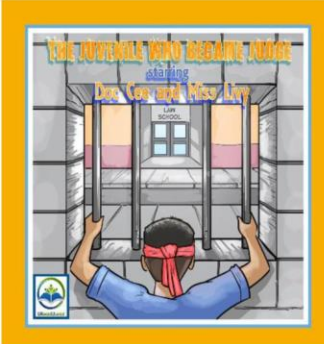
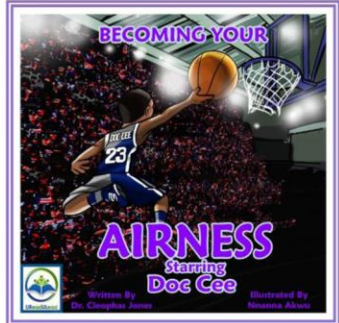
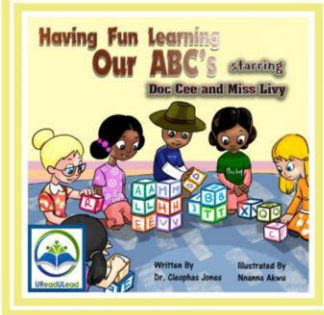
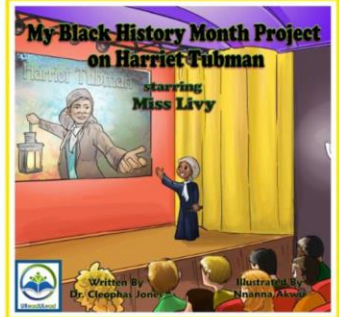
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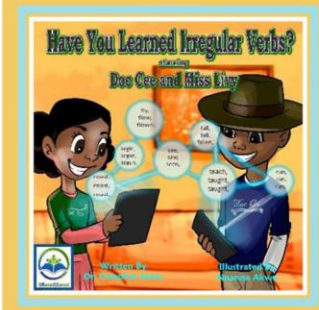
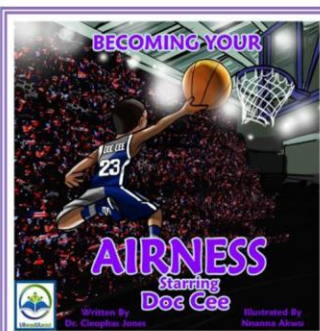
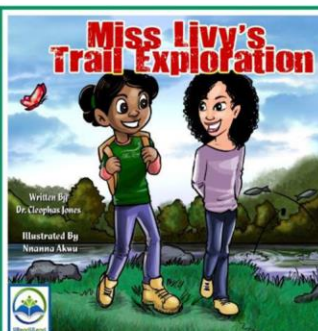
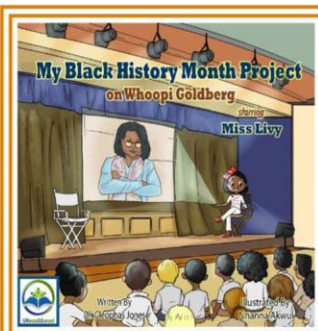
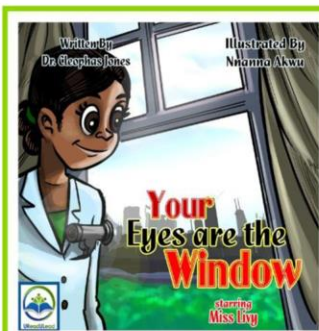
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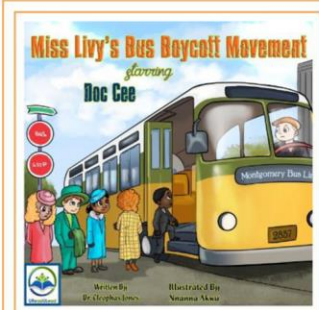




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