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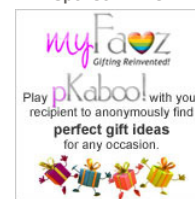
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Excerpted from the Preface (page 4)

It is a testament to the omni-directional influence of Barack Obama that a coloring book about African history would close with a quote from the President and a picture of him and the rest of the First Family. This makes one automatically wonder whether black Americans still need to look to distant ancestors from another continent for heroes, if the leader of the country is already one of their own.

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Though only 44 pages in length, the book is just brimming with a variety of content, and also includes drawings of elephants, cheetahs, zebras, giraffes and other indigenous animals to fill in, as well as the lyrics to the Negro National Anthem, a list of black inventors, quotes of luminaries like Maya Angelou, Whoopi Goldberg, Jesse Owens, Alvin Ailey and Marian Anderson, and even The Lord's and other prayers.

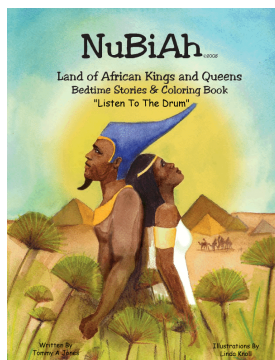
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