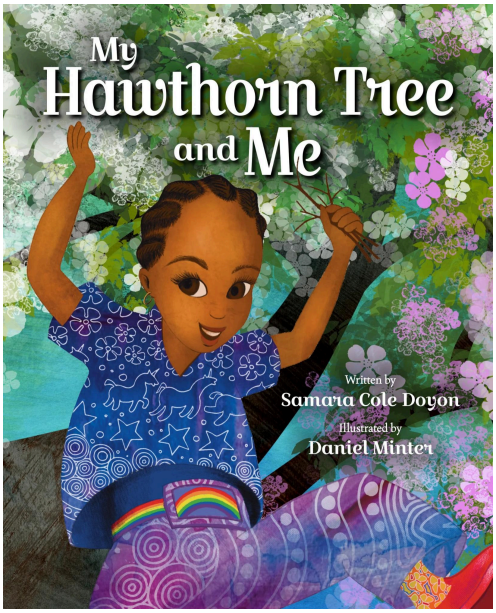
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MY HAWTHORN TREE AND ME

A joyful picture book about self-expression, finding your voice, and standing up for what matters.



Islandport Press, a Maine-based independent publisher, is pleased to announce the publication of ***My Hawthorn Tree and Me,*** **written by Samara Cole Doyon and illustrated by Daniel Minter** to be released on **April 6, 2027.**

In the heart of a neighborhood stands a magnificent hawthorn tree. One curious and confident child sees something more than its breathtaking blossoms—they see a kindred spirit. Like the tree, they aren't afraid to stand out, and they find comfort in its beauty, strength, and quiet grace.

But when the beloved tree's future is suddenly threatened, the child discovers that even a small voice can make a big difference. Together, neighbors protect a cherished community landmark, proving that when people unite around something they love, remarkable things can happen.

SAMARA COLE DOYON is a poet and award-winning children's book author with Haitian roots, living on unceded Wabanaki/Abenaki territory. A neurodivergent mother of neurodivergent children, she earned a Lupine Award and an International Literacy Association Award for *Magnificent Homespun Brown*, and each of her books has received a starred Kirkus review.

DANIEL MINTER is a painter, illustrator, and educator whose work explores the themes of displacement and home. His illustrations have won awards including the distinguished Caldecott Medal Honor and Coretta Scott King Illustration Honor. Among his many accomplishments, Daniel co-founded the Indigo Arts Alliance—a nonprofit dedicated to cultivating the artistic development of Black and Brown artists from around the globe—and its annual Ashley Bryan Beautiful Blackbird Children's Book Festival.

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