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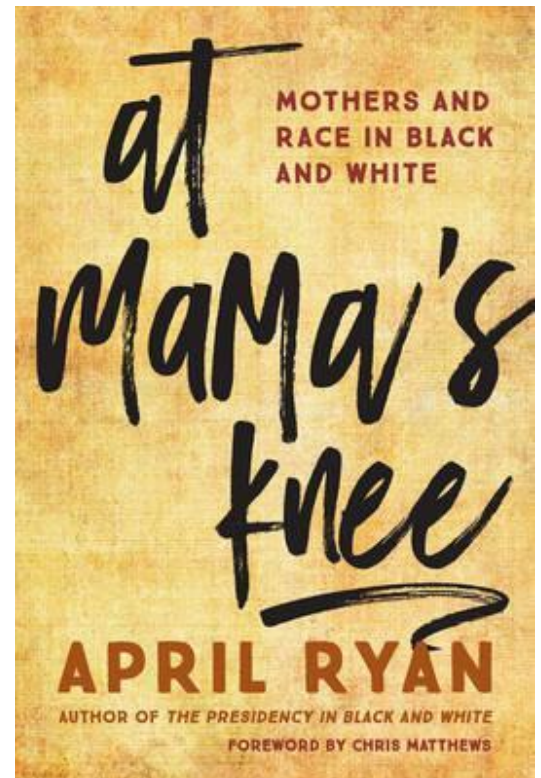
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Overview:

In her first book, *The Presidency in Black and White*, journalist April Ryan examined race in America through her experience as a White House reporter. In this book, she shifts the conversation from the White House to every home in America. *At Mama's Knee* looks at race and race relations through the lessons that mothers transmit to their children. As a single African American mother in Baltimore, Ryan has struggled with each gut wrenching, race related news story to find the words to convey the right lessons to her daughters. To better understand how mothers transfer to their children wisdom on race and race relations, she reached out to other mothers—prominent political leaders like Hillary Clinton and Valerie Jarrett, celebrities like Cindy Williams, and others like Sybrina Fulton, Trayvon Martin's mother, whose lives have been impacted by prominent race related events. At a time when Americans still struggle to address racial division and prejudice, their stories remind us that attitudes change from one generation to the next and one child at a time.

Features interviews with: Sybrina Fulton, mother of Trayvon Martin; John Lewis, congressman; Hillary Clinton, former First Lady, Secretary of State, Presidential candidate; Cindy Williams, actress known for role of Shirley on

Laverne & Shirley; Cory Booker, United States senator; Christopher Darden, OJ Simpson prosecutor; Michael Cole, actor best known for role of Pete on The Mod Squad; Valerie Jarrett, presidential advisor; Kerry Kennedy, daughter of Robert and Ethel Kennedy; Iyanla Vansant, author, life coach and television personality; Harry Belafonte, singer, songwriter, actor, and social activist; President Barack Obama; and President Jimmy Carter.

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Review quote

[At Mama's Knee] is an engrossing read, and Ryan's commentary is vital to understanding the problems we face as Americans if we can ever expect to end our divisiveness. Baltimore Magazine "In these racially turbulent times, April Ryan's At Mama's Knee is essential reading. Drawing from her experience as a White House reporter and keen observations of black motherhood in the 21st century, April offers a poignant look at the racial challenges our nation still faces. Mothers are on the front lines of racial revolution. At Mama's Knee teaches us, above all, that mothers in America carry a heavy burden. Their lessons on race and intolerance shape not just the lives of their children, but our communities and nation as a whole." -- Montel Williams, Former Naval Intelligence Officer and Television Personality "In her latest tome, At Mama's Knee, April Ryan brings a needed and necessary conversation on race to the forefront. That she chooses to tell these precious stories on race through the voice of a mother is worthy of perking our ears to listen. Mothers are the backbone of our society. They set the stage for how we will address the world. And in today's racially charged climate, there are far too many mothers crying. It's time that we lean into the wisdom emanating through these poignant expressions of joy and pain." -- T. D. Jakes, senior pastor, The Potter's House of Dallas, host the "T.D. Jakes" show "Ryan's emotionally-rich exploration of the influences race, identity and family have on our life experiences reminds us just how powerful an imprint mothers make on us all." -- Vanessa De Luca, Editor-in-Chief, Essence Magazine "From her humble beginnings in inner city Baltimore to the heights of serving as a White House correspondent, April Ryan has seen it all. From this unique perspective, she shares her life experience as a black daughter and now as a black mother in today's racially complex world." -- Bobby Scott, U.S. House of Representatives "April Ryan has written a truly amazing book. At Mama's Knee is powerful and personal; insightful and moving; loving and gracious. I learned

so much. Anyone who reads *At Mama's Knee* will emerge smarter and stronger." -- Wolf Blitzer, CNN Anchor, *The Situation Room* "With passion and precision, April Ryan examines race, gender, and family at the dawn of a post-Obama, and an anything but post-racial America... Incisive, intelligent and interesting page after page." -- Cornell William Brooks, President and CEO, NAACP "As a single mother of two young girls, native of Baltimore and veteran White House correspondent, April Ryan (*The Presidency in Black and White*) has spent much of her adulthood juggling the complex issues of race and race relations in both her personal and professional lives. In her second book, *At Mama's Knee: Mothers and Race in Black and White*, she draws on that experience... to present a new and multifaceted interpretation of the important role that mothers play in both understanding and defining race relations in the United States today. Ryan uses her journalistic background to great effect in *At Mama's Knee*, most notably through extensive conversations with others. Interviews with prominent politicians, such as Hillary Clinton and Valerie Jarrett, combine with the stories of mothers who have been thrust into the news cycle, such as Gwen Carr (mother of Eric Garner) and Sybrina Fulton (mother of Trayvon Martin), to fully flesh out Ryan's ideas of race and motherhood... At its heart, Ryan's work is an important reminder of the place of mothers in the ongoing conversation about race and racial tensions in U.S. "We must teach our children," she urges, "whether with words or actions, about race in America." The words in *At Mama's Knee* are an important part of that teaching." -- Kerry McHugh, blogger at *Entomology of a Bookworm Shelf Awareness*

About April Ryan

April Ryan, a 30-year journalism veteran, has been the White House correspondent for 20 years for American Urban Radio Networks (AURN), covering three US presidents who have called on her by name. She is also the Washington Bureau Chief. Along with responsibilities at the White House, Ryan hosts the daily feature, "The White House Report," which is broadcast to AURN's nearly 300 affiliated stations nationwide. She is regularly featured on political news shows and is a frequent speaker around the country. Her first book, *The Presidency in Black and White*, was published in 2015. She lives in Baltimore, Maryland, and is the proud mother of two girls.

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