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She's been awarded a host of writing honors including a 2014 Yaddo's Elizabeth Ames Residency, the Lorian Hemingway Short Story Prize, a Hurston Wright Fellowship, and the Room of Her Own Foundation's 2009 Orlando Short Story Prize. She received funding to attend the Norman Mailer Writers' Colony in 2011. Her short story, "Poor Girls' Palace," was published in the winter 2009 edition of the *Indiana Review*, as well as *Kwelijournal*, 2014.

In 2010 she won the Go On Girl! Book Club Aspiring Writer Award. In 2016 she landed a two-book publishing deal for *Love Like Sky*. She works as a writing consultant for various businesses seeking assistance and individuals looking to hone their skills.

When she's not reading or working on her next novel, she enjoys watching *Shark Tank*, *Chopped*, and other shows where people are giving their all.

Born in Bogalusa, Louisiana, and raised in Rochester, New York, she's fortunate to have a family of natural storytellers and a circle of supportive family and friends.

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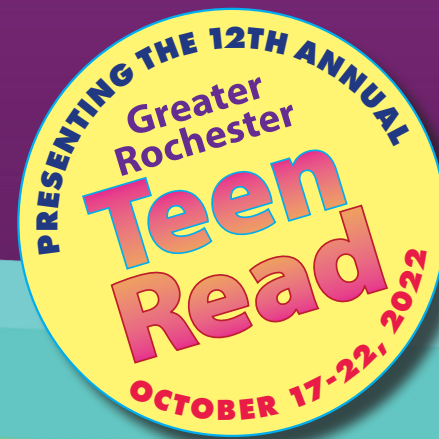


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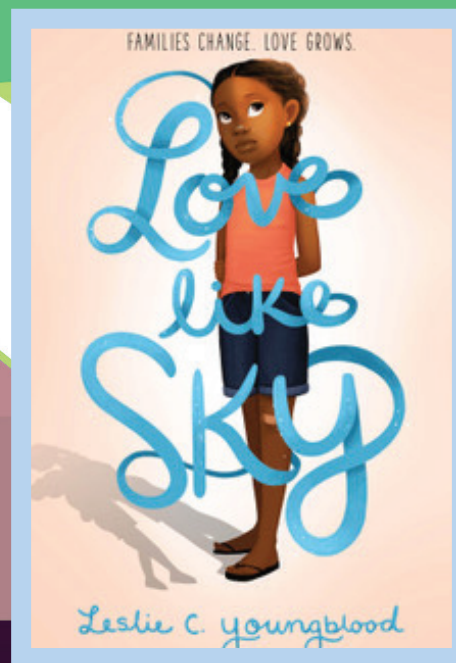
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# LET'S ALL READ...



**LOVE LIKE SKY**  
by Leslie C. Youngblood



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### **LOVE LIKE SKY** by Leslie C. Youngblood

Librarians across the Monroe County Library System are encouraging everyone to read Love like Sky by Leslie C. Youngblood.

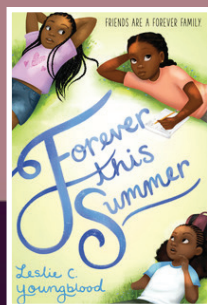
#### LOVE LIKE SKY

G-baby and her younger sister, Peaches, are still getting used to their "blended-up" family. They live with Mama and Frank out in the suburbs, and they haven't seen their real daddy much since he married Millicent. G-baby misses her best friend back in Atlanta, and is crushed that her glamorous new stepsister, Tangie, wants nothing to do with her.

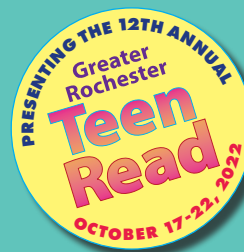
G-baby is so preoccupied with earning Tangie's approval that she isn't there for her own little sister when she needs her most. Peaches gets sick—really sick. Suddenly, Mama and Daddy are arguing like they did before the divorce, and even the doctors at the hospital don't know how to help Peaches get better.

It's up to G-baby to put things right. She knows Peaches can be strong again if she can only see that their family's love for her really is like sky.

*Book description from the author's website.*



Also check out *Forever This Summer*, the sequel to *Love Like Sky*.



### Meet Leslie C. Youngblood at any of these FREE events!



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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 6:00-7:00 pm**

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**3349 Monroe Ave., Pittsford, NY 14618, 585-586-6020**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 5:00-6:00 PM**

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**310 Arnett Blvd., Rochester, NY 14619, 585-428-8214**

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**611 Winton Rd. N., Rochester, NY 14609, 585-428-8204**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2:00-3:00 PM**

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