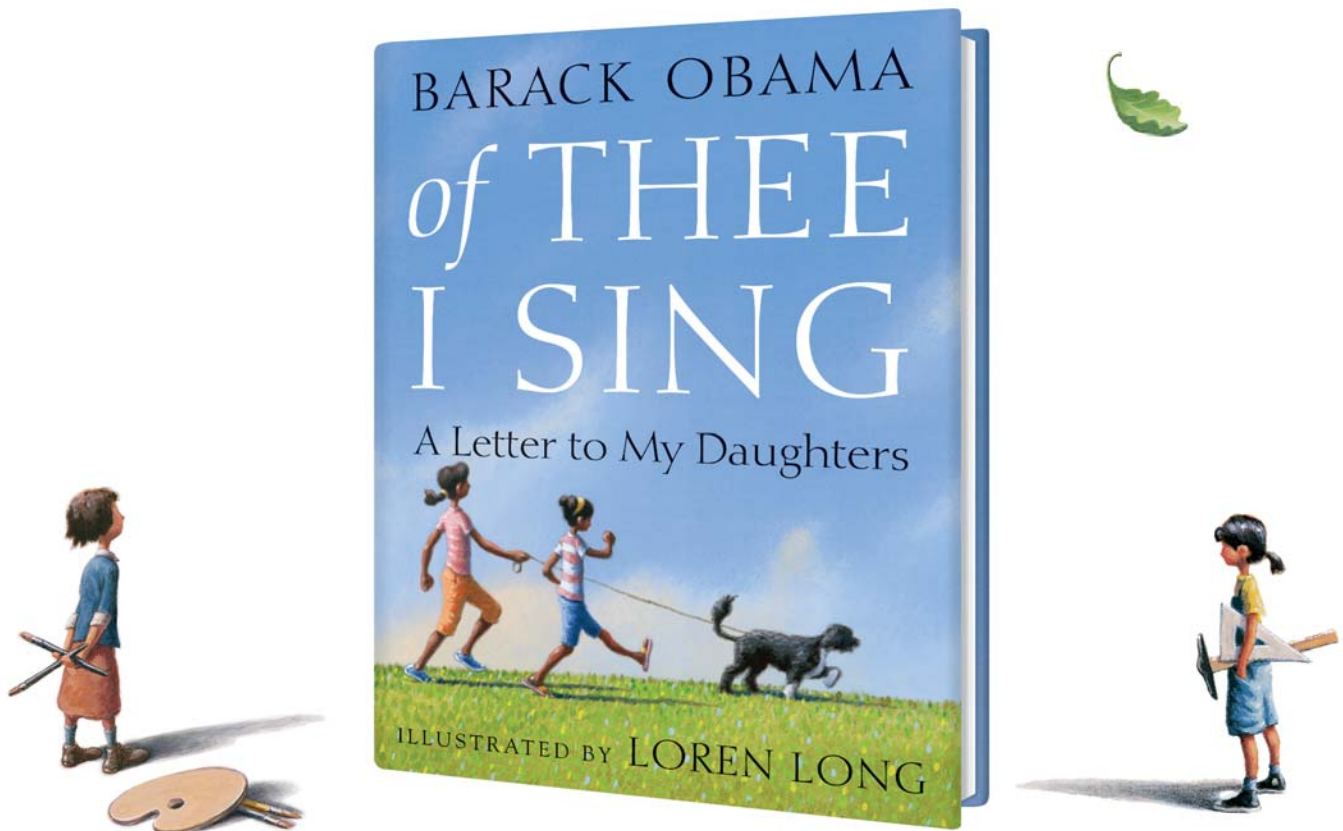


BARACK OBAMA  
*of* THEE  
I SING

A Letter to My Daughters



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**Dear Booksellers and Librarians,**

*Of Thee I Sing* is a stunning celebration of true American heroes. Celebrate with your own American Heroes party.

Here are some tips:

- Encourage guests to come dressed as their favorite hero from *Of Thee I Sing*!
- Decorate your store or library for a party befitting the heroes in *Of Thee I Sing*. Don't hold back: balloons and streamers are encouraged—especially red, white, and blue ones!
- Before the party, make copies of these suggested activities and gather crayons, markers, scissors, and tape.

*HAVE FUN!*



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# Who Is Your Favorite American Hero?

*Of Thee I Sing* is a celebration of some of the great heroes in America's history. Heroes like Albert Einstein, Abraham Lincoln, Dr. Martin Luther King, and Jane Addams. Who do you think of when you think of American heroes? Who is your favorite hero from the book? Who is your hero in your everyday life—your parents, your teacher, a grandparent, a friend?



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# Find the American Hero

Eight American heroes are hidden in the word search below. Can you find them?

Have a parent help and look for the following names:

ALBERT EINSTEIN

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

MAYA LIN

NEIL ARMSTRONG

GEORGE WASHINGTON

SITTING BULL

MARTIN LUTHER KING

HELEN KELLER

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# Hero Match!

Five of the heroes from *Of Thee I Sing* are listed below, along with five facts. But, the right facts don't line up with the right heroes! Can you match up the heroes with their facts? Hint: Look at *Of Thee I Sing* to find out which hero matches which fact!

\_\_\_\_\_ **GEORGIA O'KEEFE**

- A. He swung his bat with the grace and strength of a lion, and gave brave dreams to other dreamers.



\_\_\_\_\_ **JACKIE ROBINSON**

- B. A Sioux medicine man who healed broken hearts and broken promises.



\_\_\_\_\_ **SITTING BULL**

- C. She could not see or hear. She gave others courage to face their challenges.



\_\_\_\_\_ **BILLIE HOLIDAY**

- D. She helped us see big beauty in what is small: the hardness of stone and the softness of feather.



\_\_\_\_\_ **HELEN KELLER**

- E. She wore a gardenia in her hair and sang beautiful blues to the world.



# People of Every Kind!

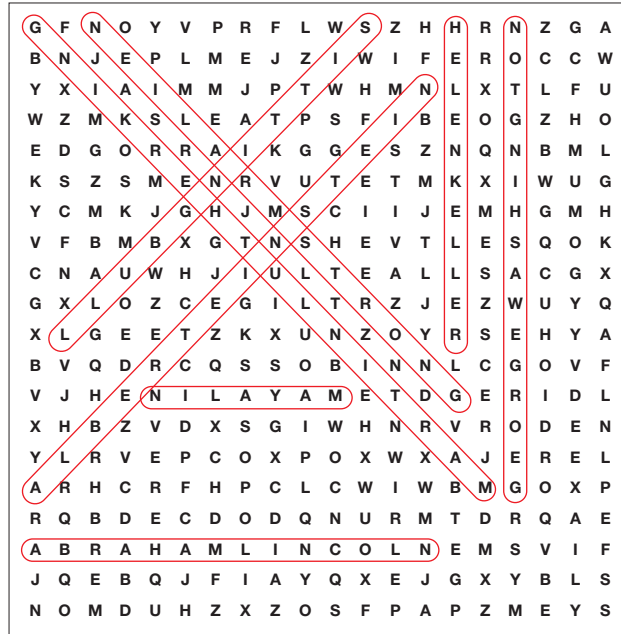
In *Of Thee I Sing*, Barack Obama writes that America is made up of people of every kind—people from different places and with different beliefs. Use the space below to draw the people who make up your America—your family, your friends, your teachers, and your classmates.

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# Answer Key

## FIND THE AMERICAN HERO



## HERO MATCH!

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- A JACKIE ROBINSON      B. A Sioux medicine man who healed broken hearts and broken promises. 
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