

## My N.C. From A to Z <sup>[1]</sup>

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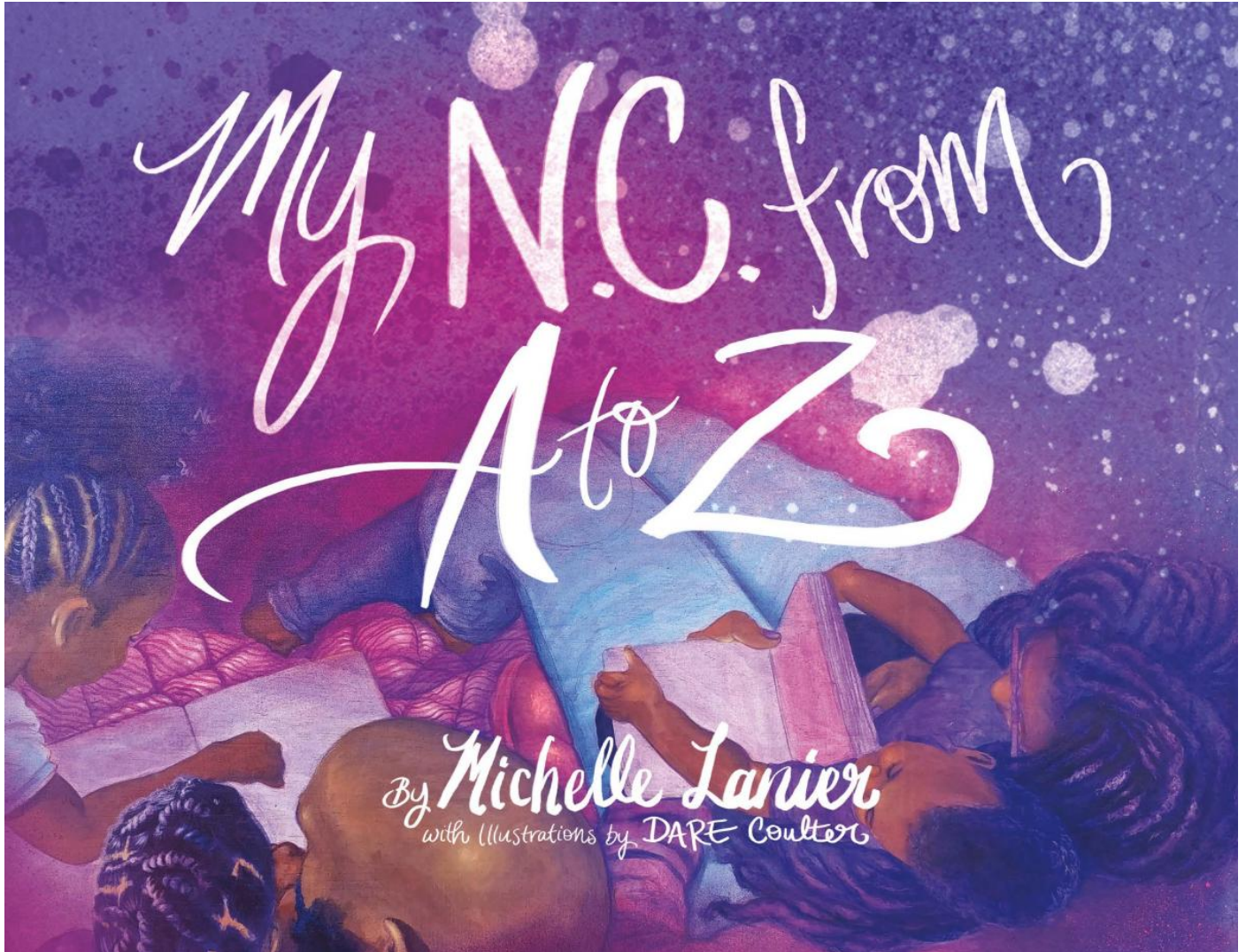


Image of the cover art for My N.C. from A to Z, book by Michelle Lanier and illustrations by Dare Coulter, published by the N.C. African American Heritage Commission. In 2019, the [North Carolina African American Heritage Commission](#) <sup>[2]</sup> published a children's board book titled *My N.C. from A to Z*. The book was written by folklorist [Michelle Lanier](#) <sup>[3]</sup> and illustrated by North Carolina artist [Dare Coulter](#) <sup>[4]</sup>. In the format of a traditional A to Z children's reader, the book connects children to important people, art and culture, places, and social justice events in the state's African American heritage.

This collection of articles in NCpedia has been contributed by librarians at the North Carolina Government & Heritage Library at the State Library of North Carolina, in collaboration with the North Carolina African American Heritage Commission. Written for upper elementary grade levels, the articles provide educational companion resources for the book.

Michelle Lanier currently serves as the Director of the North Carolina Division of State Historic Sites. She previously served as the Executive Director of the North Carolina African American Heritage Commission. Dare Coulter is a visual artist, sculptor and muralist. Her work expresses themes related to people and communities of color.

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