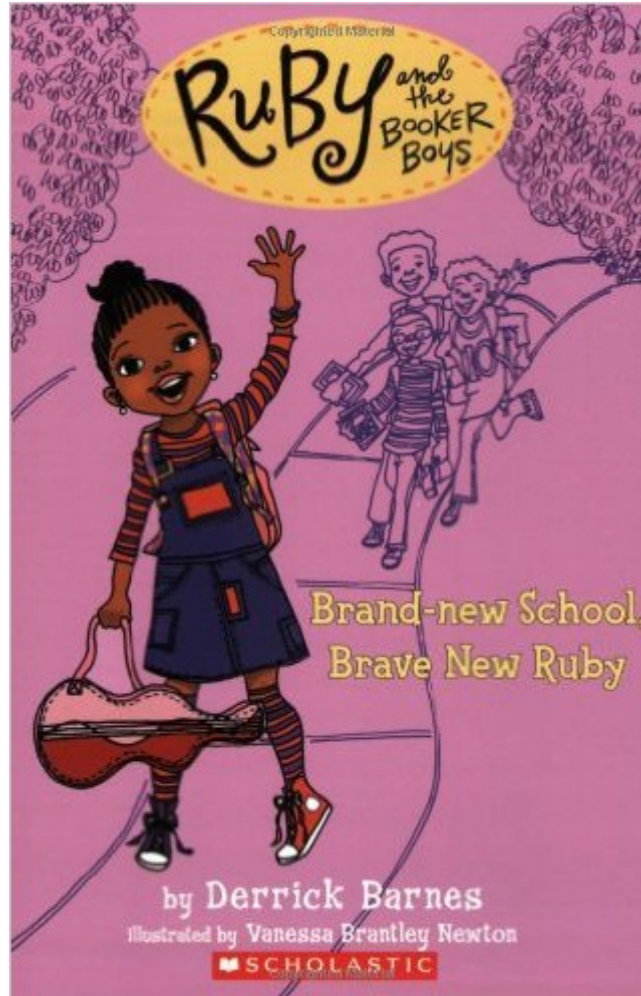


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# Ruby And The Booker Boys #1: Brand New School, Brave New Ruby



## Synopsis

Meet 8-year-old ultra-fabulous Ruby Marigold Booker! Eight-year-old Ruby Booker is the baby sis of Marcellus (11), Roosevelt (10), and Tyner (9), the most popular boys on Chill Brook Ave. When Ruby isn't hanging with her friend, Theresa Petticoat, she's finding out what kind of mischief her brothers are getting into. She's sweet and sassy and every bit as tough as her older siblings. She sings like nobody's business; she has a pet iguana named Lady Love; her favorite color is grape-jelly purple; and when she grows up, she's going to be the most famous woman animal doctor on the planet. She's the fabulous, oh-so-spectacular Ruby Marigold Booker!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

I happened upon Ruby M. Booker in the weekly Scholastics order catalog and thought it amazing to find a book about a little African American girl. Little did I know, I had stumbled upon a Masterpiece! My 8 year old daughter fell in love right away and so did I. We laughed and danced the entire time. The best part, hearing my baby say "She's just like me!" As an avid reader, I found it difficult to find books with characters with whom my daughter could identify. Ruby in all her 'fabulousness' put all that to rest. She's funny, spunky and full of life. This is a must read for all little girls. Many thanks to Mr. Barnes.....you really came through with this one.

Ruby Marigold Booker is about to start a new school and not just any new school, she will be attending Hope Road Academy and entering the third grade. Her three older brothers already attend school there as well. Marcellus is in the 7th grade, and Roosevelt and Tyner are in the 6th grade. All three already have reputations that are well-known throughout the school and the community. Ruby finds out just how much of a reputation the first day she steps on school grounds. She is intimidated at first, but with the encouragement of her best friend, Ruby comes up with a plan to make her own Booker tradition and move from under her older brothers' shadows. When she is done, everybody will know who Ruby Booker is.

**RUBY AND THE BOOKER BOYS: Brand New School, Brave New Ruby** by Derrick Barnes is a delightfully, enchanting read about a little girl establishing her own identity in a new school. The pace is very good and the story flows well. The colorful characters are well-developed and exhibit slices of humor throughout. The illustrations by Vanessa Brantley Newton were wonderful visuals that added to this creative delivery. Youths will be pleased with this tale about the first day of school jitters. It is told in such a way, that I'm sure many will be able to identify with Ruby and learn something from her; especially, if they feel they are living in the limelight of older siblings. Derrick Barnes has a winner in this first book of the Ruby and the Booker Boys series.

Reviewed by Brenda Lisbon of The RAWSISTAZ(tm) Reviewers

Anyone looking for a great book series for young readers. Ruby and the Book Boys is it! I found this 4-book series about a little African-American girl who's going to third grade with three big brothers who are already big time at her school. My five year old son loves these books because they really talk about the sibling interaction and family dynamic. Derrick Barnes the author did a really great job the illustrations are very powerful as well. Invest in these books for your new readers, I enjoyed reading these books as much as my son.

Melinda Emerson **Become Your Own Boss in 12 Months: A Month-by-Month Guide to a Business that Works**

My daughter fell in love with the main character, Ruby. She was completely ingrossed and didn't put it down until she finished it. I was so happy that she found a series that she liked that I tried to get all of this author's Ruby books. I am disappointed to say the author has had a terrible time getting these books in print or published at all. I purchased what I could and will keep on the look out for more.

I brought this for my daughter in Dec 2010 and she love this book because she was playing the

same thing the little girl in the book was playing and she was going to a new school also. LOVE IT. The book was very educational thks

I purchased this book for my 7-yr. old niece this book for Christmas. She enjoyed the book, just like she does all of her other books. She is looking forward to me purchasing her additional books similar to Ruby and the Booker Boys, etc. in the near future.

I am such an advocate for reading. I purchased this book for my young daughter who can't totally read it all, but when we read together it's great. The store is great and reminds me so much of who she is. The book arrived in great condition and the price was absolutely reasonable.

Brand New School, Brave New Ruby (Ruby And The Booker Boys) by Derrick Barnes I found this little goody on Sunday while helping a customer. I am always excited to find a new early chapter series, and its featuring a black girl. What! Thats double sweetness. Ruby Booker is going to the third grade and a new school. I like Ruby from the start, first day jitters won't stop Ruby from being herself. Ruby's first day of school outfit is a purple and orange ensemble including mismatched sneakers. Ruby's schoolbag is in the shaped of a guitar. Its easy enough to go with the trend but Ruby's fearless, and does her own thing. As I looked in the mirror for the last time, I whispered to myself,, "Ruby Marigold Booker, you are fabulous! And that's the truth. Ruby has three older brothers Roosevelt, Tyner and Marcellus aka the Booker boys. The Booker boys are very popular at Hope Road Academy, Ruby's new school. Ruby's worried she won't make a name for herself at Hope Road Academy. She doesn't want to be seen as the Booker Boys little sister but rather Ruby the singer. Throughout the day Ruby is determined to shine, but each time its about to happen the PA system comes, and its always about one of Ruby's brothers. I enjoyed the PA interruptions, it was fun trying to guess what the announcement would be. In the end Ruby finds a way to stand out. This is a great book for younger siblings. They will relate to Ruby's desire to make a name for herself and get out of older brother's shadows. Plus its not a hand me down book, thats double sweetness. Ruby is going to be a fun girl to follow. I love that Barnes doesn't neglect Ruby's family. His writing is fun and enjoyable.

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