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Sulwe is a children's book that echoes a very important truth: that beauty is what's within, not what's on our skin. It shows young black girls that there is no need to hide away or be ashamed when there is so much light inside of us all. Banning "Sulwe" is a direct rejection of this message and prevents important discussions on colorism and the role it plays in shaping both society and its standards. Within Nyong'o's words and Harrison's illustrations is a spot where we can feel beautiful and that is not something that should be taken away.

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