



# MARLEY DIAS

gets it **DONE**

AND SO CAN YOU!

by **MARLEY DIAS**  
FOUNDER OF  
**#1000BLACKGIRLBOOKS**

Introduction by  
*Ava DuVernay*



## Marley Dias Gets It Done (And So Can You!) Marley Dias

Founder, #1000BlackGirlBooks, Editor in Residence, Elle.com, and author, *Marley Dias Gets It Done (And So Can You)*

**Interviewer: Taryn Robinson**  
Chute Middle School Class of 2018, Evanston

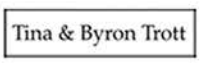
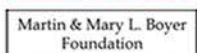
**Thursday, February 1, 2018, 6:00 PM**

**Evanston Township High School Auditorium, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201**

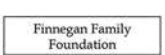
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Thursday, February 1, 2018, Marley Dias Gets It Done (And So Can You), 6:00 PM, Evanston Township High School Auditorium, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201. Marley Dias is the 13-year-old social activist behind #1000BlackGirlBooks, an international movement to collect and donate children’s books that feature Black girls as the lead character. With the help of her mother’s foundation, GrassROOTS Community Foundation, Ms. Dias launched the #1000BlackGirlBooks drive in November of 2015, leveraging the power of social media to reach a larger audience. The goal was to collect 1,000 books featuring Black female protagonists by February 2016. The story went viral and was picked up by media outlets around the world as well as bloggers, schools, youth-focused organizations, and thousands of individuals who wanted to participate in the project.

In *Marley Dias Gets It Done (And So Can You)*, an accessible “keep-it-real” guide, Ms. Dias explores activism, social justice, volunteerism, equity and inclusion, and using social media for good. She shows kids how they can galvanize their strengths to make positive changes in their communities, while getting support from parents, teachers, and friends to turn dreams into reality. Focusing on the importance of literacy and diversity, Ms. Dias offers suggestions on book selection and delivers hands-on strategies for becoming a lifelong reader.

In light of the #1000BlackGirlBooks campaign’s huge success, Ms. Dias was recently named one of *Forbes* magazine’s “30 Under 30,” and is a recipient of a 2017 *Smithsonian* magazine “American Ingenuity Award.” In September of 2016, she began her role as Editor in Residence at *Elle.com* where she interviewed Ava DuVernay, Misty Copeland, and Hillary Clinton.

For the Feb. 1 FAN event, Ms. Dias will be interviewed Taryn Robinson, a 13-year-old 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Chute Middle School in Evanston. Ms. Robinson’s interests include dancing, filmmaking, and spending time with friends and family.

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