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A sought-after speaker and writer, Gant-Britton reminds us that black people operate not just as a rare voice of color shouting from the margins of American history and culture, but as active contributors to the United States from the moment it began (and before). As she loves to remind us, “African American history helps all of us appreciate our unique contributions to this country.” Writing in an accessible and easy to understand style, she hopes to help everyone embrace the wonderful garden of diversity that is the USA. “All of the flowers in a garden are important! Leave one out and the garden is incomplete.”