Opal's Greenwood Oasis

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In this important picture book for historical fiction collections, Opal grows up in Greenwood, a Black neighborhood in Tulsa, Oklahoma where everyone gathers on Sunday to hear the good word. Today, everyone's looking forward to the Memorial Day picnic. While there are rumblings of violent goings on beyond Greenwood, right now, none of that matters. Mixed media illustrations with bright pops of color help to showcase the rich activities of Opal's bustling world in the hours before the Tulsa Race Massacre decimated her storied community.

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