ALORA YOUNG ’25

Reading from her acclaimed new book
Walking Gentry Home: A Memoir of My Foremothers in Verse

SWARTHMORE CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY BOOKSTORE
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4 S. Chester Road, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania
Reception and book signing to follow

A true American epic in verse, Walking Gentry Home tells the story of Alora Young’s ancestors, unnamed women the historical record has forgotten and whom Alora brings to life through imagination: Amy, the first of her foremothers to arrive in Tennessee, buried in an unmarked grave unlike the white man who enslaved her and fathered her child; Alora’s great-grandmother Gentry, unhappy married at fourteen; her own mother, the teenage beauty queen rejected by her white neighbors; down to Alora in the present day as she leaves childhood behind and becomes a young woman.

"Extraordinary"
LAURIE HALSE ANDERSON

About the author: Alora Young is a Swarthmore College student, actor, and the 2021 Youth Poet Laureate of the Southern United States. Her poetry has appeared in the New York Times and the Washington Post, and she has performed her poetry on CNN, CBS, and TEDx.