

# An Evening with Ruth Anne King

**Thursday, May 15, 2025**  
**6:30-8:00 pm**

**Bloomington Public Library Community Room**

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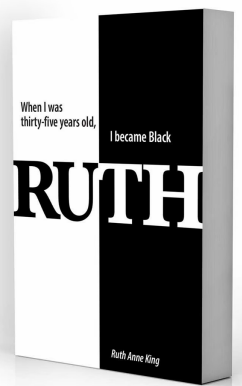
*Author and musician, Ruth Anne King inspires resilience and hope — weaving story and song from her memoir —*

## **RUTH: When I was thirty-five years old, I became Black**

Ruth shares how she finds self-acceptance and an evolving sense of self-identity as a biracial Black lesbian navigating the complexities of race and family relationships.

Born in 1959 to a White mother and an absent Black father and raised in her early youth by white supremacist grandparents, Ruth narrates how she cultivates resilience, compassion and the ability to see the humanity in everyone.

Ruth's passion emerges as she boldly transforms the pain of racism and hate into a solution that begins with honesty and truth-telling — and ultimately inspires hope.



**Ruth Anne King** is an accomplished musician, recording artist, songwriter, and author. Her music and book can be found at [www.ruthkingblues.com](http://www.ruthkingblues.com). Ruth's book and CDs will be available for purchase at this event (thanks to Bobzbay Books).

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