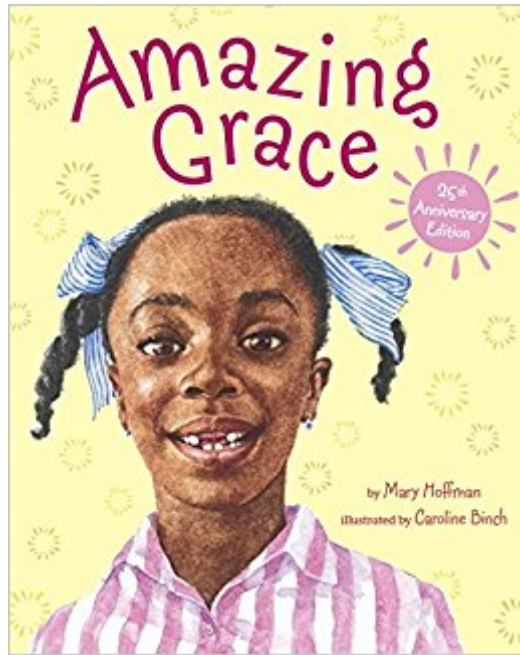




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Amazing Grace (Reading Rainbow Books)



Synopsis

Grace loves stories, whether they're from books, movies, or the kind her grandmother tells. So when she gets a chance to play a part in Peter Pan, she knows exactly who she wants to be. Remarkable watercolor illustrations give full expression to Grace's high-flying imagination.

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Customer Reviews

"Grace was a girl who loved stories." Empowered by the strength of her imagination and the love of her mother and Nana, this dramatic, creative girl constantly adopts roles and identities: Joan of Arc, Anansi the Spider, Hiawatha, Mowgli, Aladdin. When her class plans a presentation of Peter Pan , "Grace knew who she wanted to be." She holds fast despite her classmates' demurrals; Nana, meanwhile, reminds her granddaughter that she can do anything she imagines. When Nana takes Grace to see a famous black ballerina--"from back home in Trinidad"--the determined youngster is aroused by the performance, and wins the role of her dreams. Featuring colloquial dialogue and endearing characters, Hoffman's (My Grandma Has Black Hair) tale is truly inspiring. First-timer Birch contributes evocative, carefully detailed watercolor paintings, which add their own share of

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Kindergarten-Grade 2-- Grace loves stories, whether she hears them, reads them, or makes them up. Possessed with a marvelous imagination as well as a strong flair for the dramatic, she acts the stories out, always giving herself the most exciting parts. Thus, it is natural when her teacher announces a classroom production of Peter Pan , that Grace wants to play the lead. One classmate says she can't because she's a girl and another says she can't because she's black. When a saddened Grace relates the days events to her mother and grandmother, they tell her she can be anything she wants to, if she puts her mind to it. Inspired by her family's support, her own indomitable spirit, and an excursion to a weekend ballet starring a lovely Trinidadian dancer, Grace shines during her audition, leaving no doubt in anyone's mind as to who will play Peter Pan. Gorgeous watercolor illustrations portraying a determined, talented child and her warm family enhance an excellent text and positive message of self-affirmation. Grace is an amazing girl and this is an amazing book. --Anna DeWind, Milwaukee Public LibraryCopyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Just like any child, Grace loves to hear stories. For Grace these stories came from her grandma. Once she had heard them she would start reenacting them giving herself the most important parts. (Children will recognize most of the stories and get a kick out of Grace's costumes.)One day the school teacher told the class that they were going to do the play Peter Pan. Who wanted to be Peter? Why Grace of course! Kids being kids told Grace that she couldn't play the part of Peter because not only was she a girl but she was black! Thankfully her mother and grandmother knew that Grace could be anything she wanted to and thus encouraged her. Read the entire book to see how it ends.A truly delightful and inspiring, well written and illustrated book. This book was on our son's second grade "Suggested Reading List" so I purchased this USED from . I was not required to do a review but chose to do so. Thanks, Liz

Grace was a girl who dreamed big dreams. She loved stories and acted out the parts from stories she knew - Joan of Arc, a soldier hidden in a wooden horse at the gates of Troy, a pirate, an explorer, a doctor. When her class at school was going to perform "Peter Pan," Grace knew she wanted to play Peter! Lots of other children wanted to play Peter too, so the teacher held auditions to see who would earn the part. Two of her classmates said she could not play that role, because Peter Pan was not a girl, nor was he black. But her mother and her grandmother encouraged her to

keep on dreaming. "You can be anyone you want," Grandma said, "if you put your mind to it." Grace worked hard learning her lines. When the audition was over, she was named Peter Pan, because she did the best acting of all the class. What child, what adult really, has not been told, "You can't do that!" and given a long list of reasons why she can't. We all can do much more than even we can dream, so don't let anyone tell you, "You can't."

Fantastic book. Though, I hadn't been aware that dealing with skin color or gender and overcoming stereotypes was the focus of this book and it was a surprise for my 5 year old to read that kids were telling Grace that she couldn't play the part she wanted in the play because she was Black or because she was a girl. She kept asking me "what does it mean that she can't do something because of her brown skin?" I just told her those kids were being ridiculous telling Grace she could not do something good that she wanted to do and that, thankfully, the kids at her school are smarter than the kids in the book. And I'm glad for that!

A wonderful book about a young girl with an amazing imagination, swimming against the tide to reach a goal others say is inappropriate for her.

A good read for any child, giving the message that we can be what we wish to be despite what critics say.

This is one of my favorite stories to read my daughter! Love the "believe in yourself" and "equality" messages for young girls and BEAUTIFUL illustrations. However buy NEW, I bought used and the condition was poor despite being advertised as excellent.

I bought this to read to my daughter. Her middle name is Grace, so I thought she'd enjoy it when she gets older. I remember reading the book as a child myself, and I've always liked it! I hope to purchase all of the "Grace" books soon!

Fast delivery and excellent quality. This book made an impact on my daughters life in the 90's and is a must read for all young people who have been told they can't do something they really love to do. I will buy it again and again as gifts. Thank you for the great quality and good pricing!

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