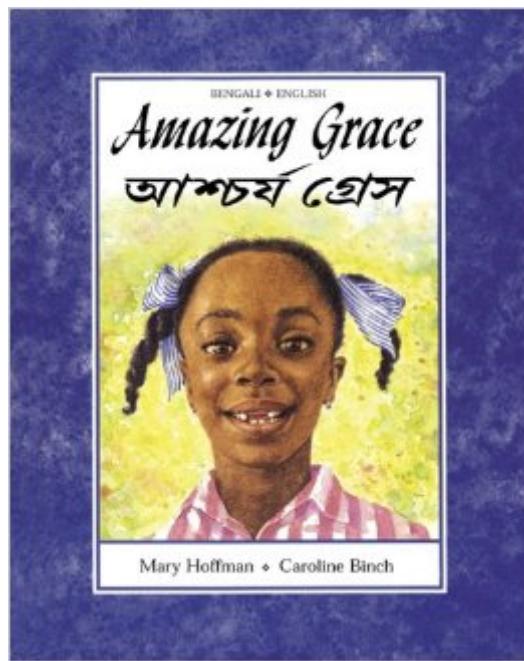


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Synopsis

Grace loves to act out stories. When her school decides to perform Peter Pan, Grace longs to play the lead, but her classmates point out that Peter was a boy, and besides, he wasn't black. This dual language edition is written in Bengali with parallel English text.

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Do you need a book that confronts racism, appreciates theater, and shatters stereotypes on a primary level? If so, *Amazing Grace*, by Mary Hoffman, is the book for you. Not only does this book cover the above topics, but it also highlights key items for younger readers, such as reading about individual achievements and moral dilemmas. Grace, a first grade African American female, has an imagination with no boundaries. Grace loves to act out stories that she is told. At school, Grace's heart runs with excitement when her teacher announces that the class is going to do the play Peter Pan. Everyone wants to be Peter Pan, which highlights the enthusiasm for theater among these students. However, as Grace wants to be Peter Pan, her classmates tell her first that she can't because she is not a male. The second reason her classmates say is that she can't be Peter Pan is because she is black. Here lies the racism in this book. The teacher allows each student to take home lines and memorize them to try out for roles. The best would get Peter Pan. In the meantime, Grace's grandmother takes her to a Romeo and Juliet ballet that features a black Juliet. This inspires Grace to go home and learn those lines as best as she can so that she will be the best one in the class. When it is time to try out, Grace is by far the best Peter Pan and the class votes to let her fill this role. This is where the shattering of stereotypes comes into play. Past the social issues, *Amazing Grace* also fulfills the requirements that the Temple textbook states are good children's

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