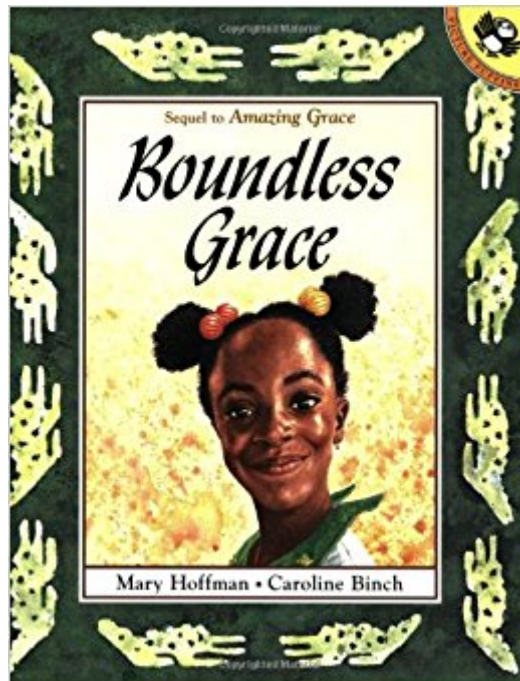




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Boundless Grace (Picture Puffins)



Synopsis

Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch bring their heroine to brilliant life in this charming sequel to the award-winning *Amazing Grace*. When Grace gets the opportunity to go to Africa and visit with her father and his new family, she feels a little strange. But Nana says families are what you make them, and Grace is going to make the most of hers! "As assured and uplifting as its predecessor." -Publishers Weekly, starred review "Validating, uplifting, and bound to please."

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Customer Reviews

Irrepressible, plucky Grace charmed a multitude of readers when she debuted in *Amazing Grace*, defying the narrow-mindedness of her classmates to land the plum role of Peter Plan in the school play. In this more message-oriented sequel, Grace is older (her gap-toothed grin all filled in), but still brimming with stories and dreams. Here she must overcome her own preconceptions and fears to accept and find acceptance with her divorced and remarried father's "other" family in Africa. Traveling to The Gambia with her grandmother, Grace frets about the horrible stepmothers found in

fairy tales and worries that her hosts won't need or love her ("They make a storybook family without me"). Unlike the first book, where the spunkiness of the heroine was the heart of the story, this tale revolves around the lesson that "families are what you make them." Hoffman has once again imbued her story with an abundance of familial understanding. Binch's brilliant watercolors capture the colorful clothing and scenery of the African village; her snapshot-like portraits seem to radiate light. Despite the more predictable plot line, this volume is as assured and as uplifting as its predecessor. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Kindergarten-Grade 3?The irrepressible heroine of *Amazing Grace* (Dial, 1991) is back in this realistic adventure of the heart. A lover of stories, Grace longs for a family like the ones she reads about in her books. She has a secure and happy home with her ma, her nana, and her cat, but feels she's missed out by not having a father, a brother, and a dog. Her own father moved to Africa after her parents' divorce and began a new family there. One day her mother surprises her with the news that her dad has sent tickets for Grace and Nana to come for a visit. Arriving in The Gambia, she finds the storybook family she's been looking for, but it doesn't seem to include her. "'I'm one girl too many. Besides, it's the wrong Ma,'" she says. Jatou doesn't fit the model of any of the stepmothers Grace has read about, but she promises her father she'll try to like the woman since they are both so important to him. Through the wonderful visit and getting to know her stepfamily Grace learns to embrace life even when it isn't picture perfect. Binch's sumptuous pencil and watercolor artwork is astonishingly lifelike and expressive in detail. The exotic locale is an extra bonus in this universal story that is validating, uplifting, and bound to please.?Luann Toth, School Library JournalCopyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

this is one of the books that I purchase for my oldest niece. She is a reader like her aunt and I want to feed that young brain with positive vibes to encourage her to love herself no matter what she comes against in this crazy world.

This is a great addition to the original book *Amazing Grace* that is included in our 3rd grade anthology. The students enjoy what else is going to happen with Grace and were excited to get her other stories.

Although not as good as "Amazing Grace", this sequel touches nicely on the life of a youngster whose mother and father have divorced and life as she knows it. It demonstrates that although her father started a life with a new family, Grace is still a very important part of him and his new family.

I had to read this book for a class I'm taking in college -- I'm reviewing children's books. It was actually nominated in 1997-1998 for a "Show Me Reader" award.... it is a local award in the state of Missouri. The language and writing style is rich and varied. The book has beautiful illustrations. Text and illustrations are well integrated. I highly recommend it!

This was a great book about non-traditional families which have now become the norm. The illustrations were great. My four year old and my 17month old both enjoyed it.

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