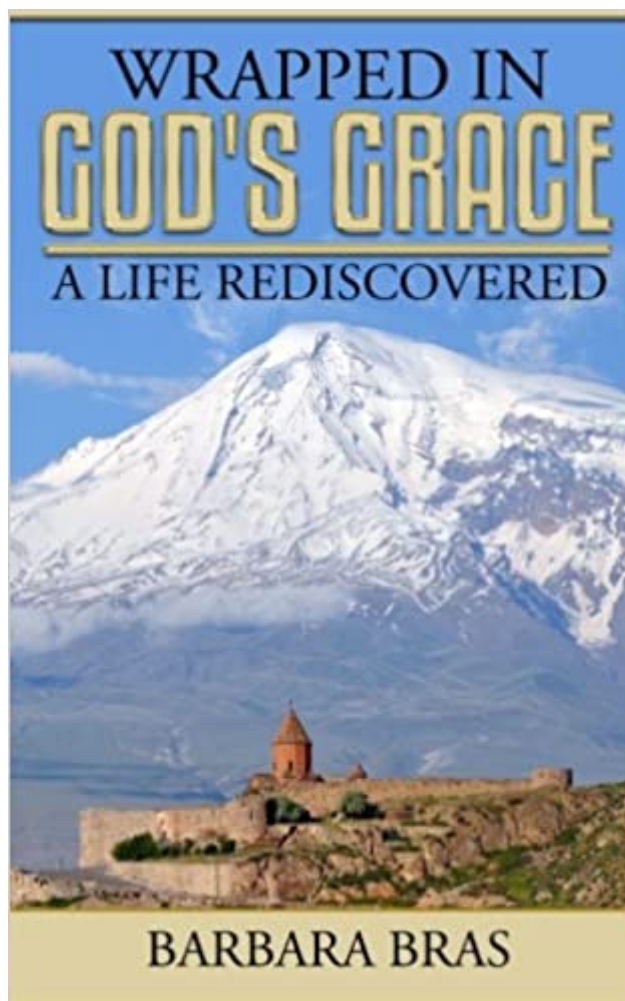


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Wrapped In God's Grace: A Life Rediscovered



Synopsis

The crushing pain of seven years of unanswered prayer for a child. A miraculous adoption story, followed by unforeseen challenges and heartbreak. Barbara Bras begins her memoir by sharing God's answer to her prayers and the difficult times that followed. Although God does not provide an easy fix, the intricacies of God's plans reveal themselves to her, and she relives her life in a new light. Bras then recounts the stories of her grandfather Arshag and her grandmother Gulle, survivors of the atrocities of Armenia in 1915. Arshag, sent to South America for his protection, returns as a soldier of the Armenian Legion to fight for his country. Gulle is the only member of her family to survive the death march into the desert. Through God's grace they find each other, marry and move to America in 1921. Bras is their first grandchild. The final section of the memoir follows Bras as she marries and moves to Hawaii, only to return as a single mother to teach school in a small town. It is there she finally realizes that God has provided her with protection and direction. Bras discovers that once we truly surrender our will to God, His plan always produces blessings beyond our wildest dreams!

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In February 2015, Barbara Bras left a long career in the corporate world to pursue her dream of serving God. Unsure of exactly how to do so, she knew that her first step required sharing the amazing way God blessed her throughout her life. Frustrated with inadequate past attempts to share her life-story, Barbara sought a writing method unencumbered by the obstacles previously encountered. In March 2015, she attended one of Tom Bird's Writing Seminars and experienced a life-changing event. As she wrote continuously during the three-day seminar, the story of her son's miraculous adoption and the challenging years that followed spilled onto the pages, ultimately leading her to rediscover her very existence. Following her grandparents' remarkable survival and immigration to the US leads Bras to tell the rest of her story, concluding with her search for purpose and true love. During the months that followed the completion of her memoir, Barbara realized her life's new purpose. Captured by St. Paul in 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, Barbara now views her writing as a tribute first to the God who comforts and strengthens all of us in hardships and trials, and second as her mission to encourage others. Her first novel, scheduled for release in early 2016, seeks to inspire and encourage. She calls Scottsdale, Arizona home, but spends as much time as possible visiting family in Wisconsin.

I really cannot think of anything that I did not like about this book. This story is poignant, heartfelt, honest, often heartbreaking, and yet uplifting. Barbara Bras chronicles her heart's desires and life experiences that lead her from crushed hope to crushed hope, and all her attempts to find happiness, contentment, and fulfillment end in more heartache and emptiness. Yet, at the last possible moment when she gives up trying and has lost all hope, she cries out to God in anguish and experiences miracles and answered prayers in ways that will leave you without words to describe the emotion.

This is a wonderful three-part story. I enjoyed glimpsing through the windows that Barbara opens into her life - seeing both the heartaches and joys. The middle journey into the lives of her Armenian ancestors illuminated how the genocide tragically changed whole families. I really was able to live through her writing and feel how much of a miracle it was for anyone to find a relative after being separated in an age with no instant communication. I recommend this for anyone interested in the Armenian experience both past and present.

This is a great book that shares the joy and struggles of raising an adopted child. As a mother of an adopted child I understand the pain of not being able to help that child reach their full potential and understand the deep love you have for them. The details of her grandparents life was very detailed and thoroughly amazing. A must read.

God whispers I am here, and we ignore. God talks louder, and we ignore. We think we must try harder, do more, and grip more tightly to manifest that which we hold most precious. But, Barbara's inspirational message tells us it's not only possible to let go; it's necessary. You will laugh and you will cry as she shares her heartwarming and heartbreaking experiences and insights, along with the miracles she received through surrendering and allowing divine plan to unfold. She also reminds us that happy endings are not what we expect, but rather, how we focus on the blessings and bigger picture of our life journeys. She touched my heart with her beautiful, but deeply painful, account of letting go and letting God. She will touch yours too.

You will not be disappointed when you read this book. I felt Barbara's emotions through this book. The best part for me was reading about how her grandparents met and struggled. Made me realize what people endure to leave their homes and make a new life elsewhere.

Barbara displays amazing courage sharing raw, honest and heart wrenching accounts of her life with others. I was initially saddened by the despair and loneliness she felt as she prayed for love and God's blessings, and then rejoiced as peace filled her heart when she surrendered herself to God. For readers who are lost this book brings hope. For those who are believers but struggling with faith this book offers inspiration.

Words of wisdom found in Barbara Bras's experiences in life would not let me put the book down for a minute. Her writings brought me into her world so closely with laughing moments, crying over

historic tragedies, and spiritual enlightenment that I will read it again. This book of memories can't help but give clarity into one's personal direction in life. I can't wait for her next book!

Ms. Bras' reflection on pivotal events in her life - and in the lives of her family members - gives the reader an experience with deep faith and hope. She writes with the clarity and insight of someone who has learned something profound and now shares with others for their own growth and development. Read Ms. Bras' story and you will be part of an unforgettable journey.

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