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### Miracle Receives Critical Acclaim from Publishers Weekly

*Children's book pushes boundaries for diversity with universal message*

Chanavia Haddock, Author of *Miracle*, is responding to the plea for diversity in children's publishing by casting a female child of color as the main and only character in a story that crosses racial, cultural, and social boundaries.

Upon picking up *Miracle* one is immediately struck by the image of a little African-American girl sitting atop the word miracle with a playful yet pensive look. The beauty of the image lies in its subtle indication to the reader that this is not about the experience of a particular race or culture but instead it is about the experience of a human being that happens to be of a certain race.

In the New York Times article titled "Where Are the People of Color in Children's Books?" Dean Myers makes an argument for the significance of seeing people of color in this medium stating that it is "... a validation of their existence as human beings, an acknowledgment of their value by someone who understands who they are." In simple and poetic verse *Miracle* rises to this challenge.

*Miracle* is one of few self-published children's books that have earned a written review from Publishers Weekly which writes, "... the overall effect is that of a contemplative nursery rhyme," and that the scenes "exude a quiet, wintry peacefulness." This level of favorable recognition for a project of this type is yet another sign to the world in general and the publishing industry specifically that we are ready to fully embrace diversity in children's books.

Chanavia Haddock has always had a sincere love for picture books, writing, art, nature, and all things creative. Upon completing her MBA coursework, she decided to bring these passions together and pursue life as a children's book author. For more information about Chanavia please visit her website at <https://chanavia.com/>. To read the complete Publishers Weekly review please visit <https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/reviews/single/978-1-48359-930-4>.

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