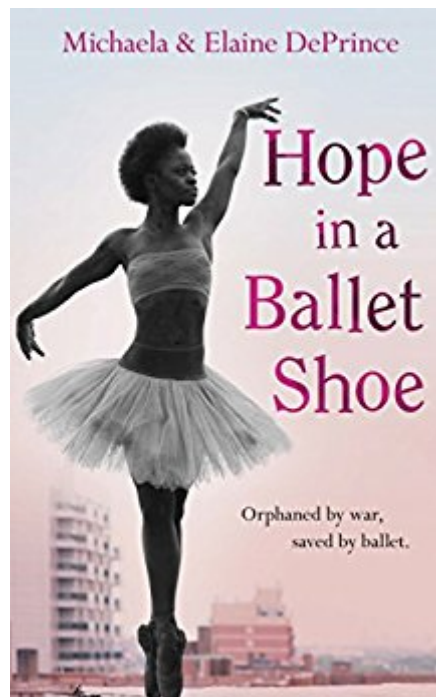




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# Hope In A Ballet Shoe: Orphaned By War, Saved By Ballet: An Extraordinary True Story



## Synopsis

Hope in a Ballet Shoe tells the story of Michaela DePrince. Growing up in war-torn Sierra Leone, she witnesses atrocities that no child ever should. Her father is killed by rebels and her mother dies of famine. Sent to an orphanage, Michaela is mistreated and she sees the brutal murder of her favourite teacher. Michaela and her best friend are adopted by an American couple and Michaela begins to take dance lessons. But life in the States isn't without difficulties. Unfortunately, tragedy can find its way to Michaela in America, too, and her past can feel like it's haunting her. The world of ballet is a racist one, and Michaela has to fight for a place amongst the ballet elite, hearing the words 'America's not ready for a black girl ballerina.' And yet . . . Today, Michaela DePrince is an international ballet star, dancing for The Dutch National Ballet at the age of nineteen. This is a heart-breaking, inspiring autobiography by a teenager who shows us that, beyond everything, there is always hope for a better future.

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This is an amazing story on many levels. The horrifying events and devastating losses of Ms. dePrinces' childhood could easily have left her filled with fear, hate, despair and the inability to function at all. Fortunately, this is an incredibly strong and determined child who moves through girlhood into womanhood with fierceness and grace. It is also fortunate that she had contact with caring people at various critical moments and was adopted into an almost magically caring and loving family. My only regret is that the horrors of her own childhood make this story of dedication, determination and devotion unsuitable for young girls to read. Ironically it takes a certain level of maturity simply to read about the early years of this gallant and graceful young woman's life, but what an inspirational and eventual story it is.

From the time I started reading this book I couldn't put it down! Excellent book. It's well written and just goes to show that with determination and support we can beat the odds and make our dreams come true. This book is a must read for anyone who needs inspiration to keep going and accomplish their dreams!!

Excellent. Excellent. I didn't want the book to end. I recommend everyone read this book. You have to experience how I felt after reading this book which will explain it all. Michaela and Ms De Prince great job. My heart goes out to the entire De Prince family. I hope this will be made into a movie or documentary! From Bermuda

A captivating read. Those who love the art of dance will be entranced by the story of a young girl's passion for ballet that accompanies her from the depths of poverty and degradation in a war-ravaged African country to a privileged life as an adopted child in the USA.

For those of you looking here, and you already have "Taking Flight", this is an exact duplicate. For those of you who do not have "Taking Flight", this is a MUST BUY !!! You may wish to read my review there.

Inspiring, amazing. Hold the dream....anything is possible when you hold your dream, when you truly believe. Here is the proof.

This is a very encouraging book for my daughter who is a dancer. She is going on to live her dream. Great book.

A beautiful story of tragedy and horror - then such a wonderful achievement founded on absolute.

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