

## ***Grace for President***

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Illustrator: LeUyen Pham

- **Summary:** When Grace discovers that there has never been a female U.S. president, she decides to run for school president.
- **Awards received:**
  - New York Times Best Seller
- **Reviews:**
  - "...the book delivers lessons on electoral votes, polls, and the reason every vote counts." - **The New York Times**
  - "Thought-provoking and timely..." - **School Library Journal**
  - "DiPucchio delivers a lively and well-timed lesson on the electoral system." - **Publishers Weekly**
  - "DiPucchio and Pham are game gals. Explaining the electoral system to adults isn't easy, but they make it understandable to kids." - **Booklist**
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- **Illustrator Information LeUyen Pham:** [www.leuyenpham.com](http://www.leuyenpham.com)
- **Discussion Questions:**
  - What do you think the story is about based on the front cover?
  - What kind of president is Grace running for?
  - Do you think she will win?
  - Why would boys only vote for boys and girls only vote for girls? Is that right?
  - What are qualities of a good president?
  - Would you want to be president of the United States? Why or why not?
  - What would you do if you were president of the United States? Of your classroom?
  - If running for class president, how might you convince others to vote for you?
- **Curricular Activities**
  - Reading/oral language – Read some campaign speeches. Have students decide what parts need emphasis, excitement, seriousness, etc.
  - Writing – Write a persuasive paragraph convincing classmates you would be a good class president. Make a slogan that you would use if running for class president?
  - Math/ Technology –
    - Graph presidents' ages at inauguration.
    - Identify presidents on coins and bills.
    - Create a timeline of past presidents.
    - Construct a probability chart for who will win the classroom election

- Social Studies –
    - Research various presidents and find facts such as what they are remembered for.
    - Learn about the 4 presidents on Mt. Rushmore (Grace’s face is added to Mt. Rushmore on the back of the book.)
    - Discuss the US President and why he is important.
  - Art – Make a campaign poster for the Monarch book you believe should win.
  - Music – Sing patriotic songs.
  - Cooking/food - Have cupcakes like Grace brought to school.
- **Related Books:**
    - *Of Thee I Sing: Letters to my Daughter* by: Barack Obama
    - *Smart About the Presidents* by: [Jon Buller](#), Susan Schade and Jill Weber
    - *Class President* by [Johanna Hurwitz](#) and Sheila Hamanaka
    - *So You Want to Be President* by Judith St. George
    - *If I Ran for President* By Catherine Stier
    - *Duck for President* By Doreen Cronin
    - *My Teacher for President* by Kay Winters
    - *The Class Election from the Black Lagoon* by Mike Thaler
    - *Voting and Elections* by Patricia Murphy
    - *Marvin Redost, Class President* by Louis Sachar
    - *Arthur Meets the President* by Marc Brown
  - **Other titles by DiPucchio:**
    - *The Sandwich Swap*
    - *What’s the Magic Word?*
    - *Bed Hogs*
    - *How to Potty Train Your Monster*
    - *Mrs. McBloom, Clean up Your Classroom.*
    - *Dinosnores*
    - *Bed Hogs*
    - *Sipping Spiders Through a Straw*
    - *Liberty’s Journey*
    - *Alfred Zector, Book Collector*
  - **Other titles by Pham:**
    - *Big Sister Little Sister* by Pham
    - *Whose Knees Are These?* by Jabari Asim
    - *Freckleface Strawberry Series* by Julianne Morre
    - *Alvin Ho Series* by Lenore Looki
    - *Akimbo Series* by Alexander McCall Smith
    - *Little Badger Series* by Eve Bunting
  - **Websites for further study or enrichment:**
    - Presidents of the US for Kids - <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/white-house-101/>

- US Coloring Pages - <http://www.apples4theteacher.com/coloring-pages/presidents-day/>
- Interactive Computer Games for US presidents - <http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/presidents-day/games/>
- YOU WON! You have been elected president! NOW WHAT? - <http://americanpresident.warnerbros.com/lobby.html>