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NEW BOOK OFFERS PROVOCATIVE VIEW OF MODERN MOTHERING
Immigrant Writer captures the struggles and triumphs of life in America

Abortions are wrong, Mommy, right? Should gay people burn in hell? Do you know why I only wear jeans to school? How will I know my parents when I get to Heaven?

How Will I Know My Children When I Get to Heaven? A Mother's Tales of Hope offers a blunt critique of child rearing in America in the 21st century from the unique perspective of a single, immigrant mother and writer raising two daughters in Montgomery County, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, D.C.

The book is scheduled for release in early October.

Children and the environment, sexism, racism, multiculturalism, abortion rights, gay rights, unmarried motherhood, media influences, obesity, body image, America's education system, the role of faith and other issues impacting the lives of the modern family, all come under the writer's insightful gaze.

A former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and fellow of the Inter-American Press Association, the author, Grace Virtue, a Jamaican living in the United States for 13 years, was cited by the Washington Post in 2003 as among the best educated immigrants in Montgomery County, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, D.C. She holds a Ph.D. in Communications from Washington D.C.

"On the complex issue of modern mothering, this book picks up many strands and weaves a finally textured product," says Scherri Henderson, President and CEO, Spiritual Images Inc.

The book is geared toward parents generally, but particularly at mothers and women of all ages.

E. Ethelbert Miller, award-winning poet and author of two memoirs, *Fathering*

Words and The Fifth Inning describes Virtue as a “new world” woman raising her children outside their native culture. “Her journey is that of a person learning how to be fierce as well as compassionate,” he says.

David R. Woods, retired associate dean, John H. Johnson School of Communications Howard University says d Virtue’s work is the most exciting book he has read since *The Infidel*. “Her insights are original and always stimulating,” Woods says.

For more information about Grace Virtue and her work, go to www.gracevirtue.com

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