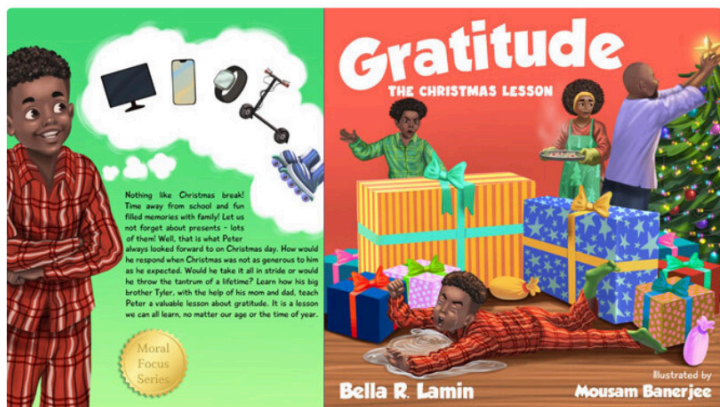


Ms. Lamin, now a junior at New Garden Friends School in Greensboro, said she was always an avid reader and her love for reading naturally morphed into writing. That dedication is something commonly seen at Greensboro Academy, which has outperformed the local district for the past 16 years.



Bella Lamin's first book, "Gratitude: The Christmas Lesson."

"I remember writing as early as age five, and I wrote and submitted this 'Gratitude' story to the Moral Focus writing contest when I was in eighth grade. While I did not win, I still wanted to share what I have learned about gratitude through the characters in this book."

Bella's second book, which is currently untitled, is complete and ready for publication in the spring of 2025. This book will continue to follow the hero's journey with a focus on perseverance. The author is eager to demonstrate all the Moral Focus virtues.

"I encourage others to use writing as a way to express themselves and share with those around them," she said.

Congratulations on your first book, Bella!

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