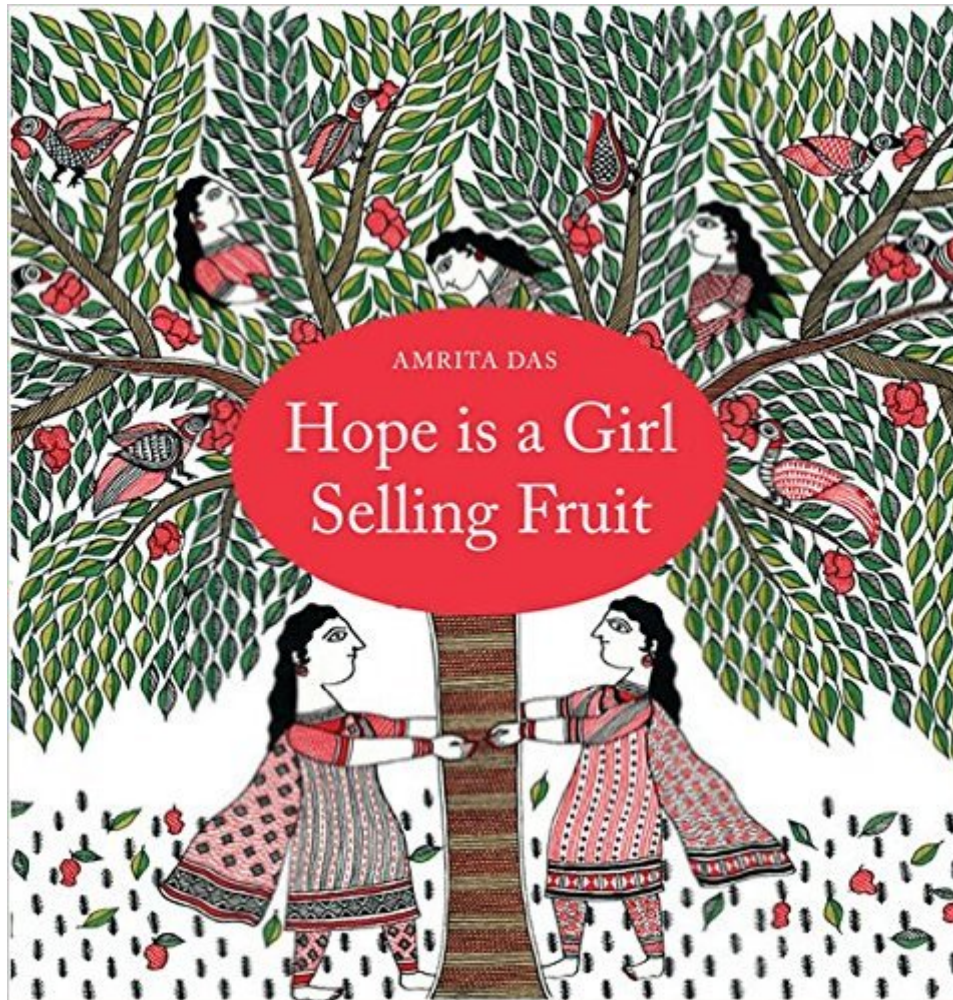


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# Hope Is A Girl Selling Fruit



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On a train journey to a large city, a young woman notices a very poor girl. Who is she? Where is she going? What does her future hold? *Hope Is a Girl Selling Fruit* is a gentle, reflective account of a young woman's thoughts and feelings as she comes into contact with the larger world. The rich imagery takes the story into another realm, inviting the reader to interpret it at many levels. Young Indian artist Amrita Das pushes the boundaries of her traditional art to radical new ends as she muses on women's mobility, class, and choices.

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Beautiful book in new condition. Keepsake in any child's library.

Das has painted in the Mithila tradition of art, which originated from women living in rural Bihar. Das builds on traditional style and creates a compelling story. Her art illustrates her personal journey and the journey she imagines of an impoverished girl she met on a train. The story honors the traditions of women in her culture but also questions the confines of their lives. Even the girl who represents hope is a mixed metaphor -- the art beautiful, the life it portrays hard. It's a deep and lovely book on all accounts. If you'd like to read a blog post on Tara Press, check out my blog:

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