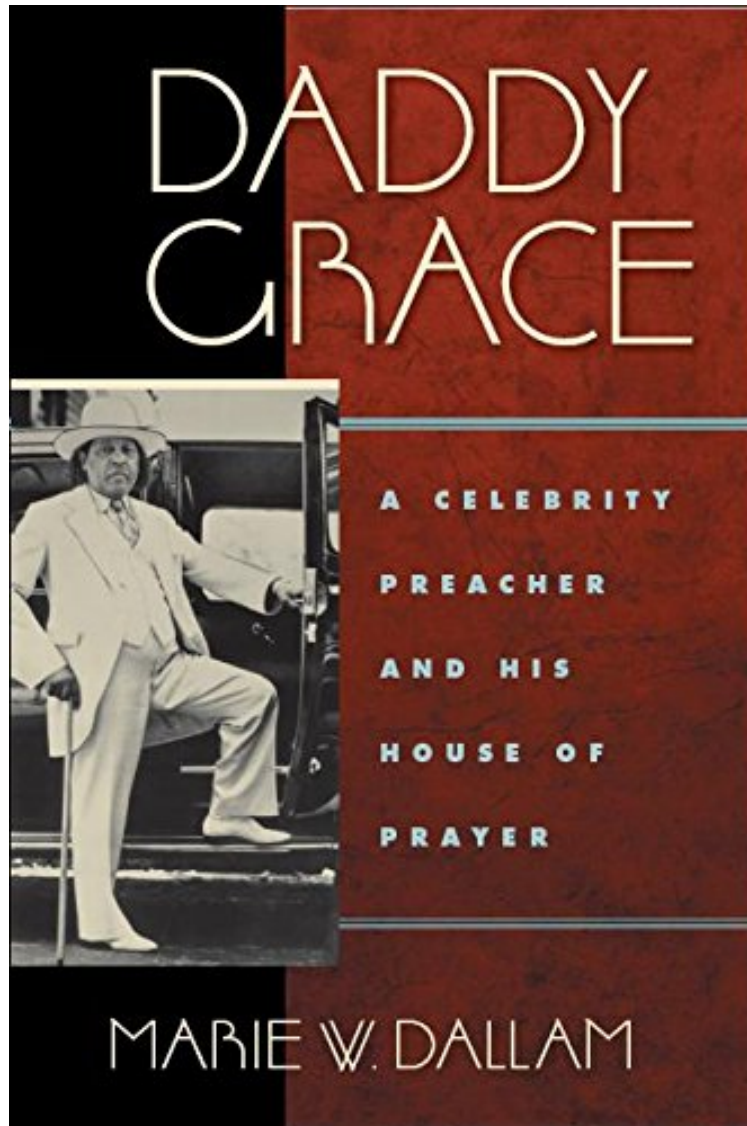


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Captivating as well as informative! By Jayme Wills This was a memorable read for me! Having grown up in Augusta, GA, my paternal grandmother joined the United House of

Prayer for all People early in her life and remained a staunch member until her death in 1991 at the age of 92. Saint Andrews occupied an apartment in the rear of the UHOP church in Augusta. She was a mentor of then Elder Bailey (now Bishop and leader of the church). Miss Dallam's book is an on target, well thought out representation of a man who was truly before his time and set the bar in the world of evangelical revivalist type leaders. Grace rarely gets his due for achieving success in organizing the often disenfranchised and building a LASTING church. While some ridicule the UHOP for certain practices, considering the humble beginnings, internal conflicts and other issues affecting organized religions, "The House that Daddy Built" is quite intact. Whether or not you're familiar with the era or the man, you'll come away with a better understanding of both. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating story By Merica Saint John I had heard of this man but knew nothing of his history. Very interesting and informative. Helpful for anyone studying charismatic leaders of any period in time. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. OBJECTIVE REPORTING AT ITS BEST - A WONDERFUL AND INFORMATIVE BOOK By Malcolm Barksdale Hats off to Dr. Marie Dallam for producing the most courageous, scholarly, and surprisingly candid expose on Daddy Grace and the lost and scattered sheep for whom he structured a nurturing apparatus. Her book does not have many significant shortcomings and, given the history of reporting on the subject, it certainly is an excellent positive start. The few faults of the book primarily appear in the form of omissions—apparently due to the author's limited access to information (germane personal information), about her subject. However, the Hebrew lineage of the da Graca (Gracias) clan is an issue to which prime treatment could have been given but was not. That is unfortunate—for therein lay the key to knowledge and understanding of the mission, First Testament bent, and evolving Second Testament theology and doctrine followed by Daddy Grace (the celebrity preacher) and his House of Prayer. Overall, Dr. Dallam did a commendable job in writing this book. My hat goes off to her. Malcolm Barksdale

Charles Manuel Sweet Daddy Grace founded the United House of Prayer for All People in Wareham, Massachusetts, in 1919. This charismatic church has been regarded as one of the most extreme Pentecostal sects in the country. In addition to attention-getting maneuvers such as wearing purple suits with glitzy jewelry, purchasing high profile real estate, and conducting baptisms in city streets with a fire hose, the flamboyant Grace reputedly accepted massive donations from his poverty-stricken followers and used the money to live lavishly. It was assumed by many that Grace was the charismatic glue that held his church together, and that once he was gone the institution would disintegrate. Instead, following his 1960 death there was a period of confusion, restructuring, and streamlining. Today the House of Prayer remains an active church with a national membership in the tens of thousands. Daddy Grace: A Celebrity Preacher and His House of Prayer seriously examines the religious nature of the House of Prayer, the dimensions of Grace's leadership strategies, and the connections between his often ostentatious acts and the intentional infrastructure of the House of Prayer. Furthermore, woven through the text are analyses of the race, class, and gender issues manifest in the House of Prayer structure under Grace's aegis. Marie W. Dallam here offers both a religious history of the House of Prayer as an institution and an intellectual history of its colorful and enigmatic leader.

This useful book should promote further serious study of Grace as a religious leader and of the church he founded. - Journal of American History
Dallam has done a great service in providing a detailed scholarly study of Sweet Daddy Grace and his church. . . . A thoughtful study that should henceforth make it impossible to dismiss Grace as a cult leader who had little religious significance in his lifetime or beyond. - Journal of American History
Dallam has made a major contribution to the scholarship and literature on Daddy Grace and the United House of Prayer for All People. - Choice
This edgy and resourceful analysis of Daddy Grace, a misunderstood yet highly significant religious luminary, expands our understanding of a critical period in the black church experience. Dallam's meticulous scholarship fills in many crucial pieces and refutes longstanding inaccuracies regarding Grace's life, message, and legacy. - Shayne Lee, author of T. D. Jakes: America's New Preacher
Provides significant insights for our understanding of Daddy Grace and the House of Prayer. This well-researched, clearly written text is a valuable scholarly resource for those interested in New Religious Movements, American Religion, and African American Religion. - Sandy Dwayne Martin, author of For God and Race
Dallam has uncovered an aspect of the African American past about which we have long known too little. In doing so she has made a substantial contribution to the study of twentieth-century African American religion. Assiduously researched and carefully written, Dallam's book finally elevates the scholarship on Sweet Daddy Grace to the level of that of his rival and contemporary, Father Divine. - Wallace D. Best, Harvard Divinity School
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