Ten-year-old Mesi wants to become a teacher, but life in her African village is hard and her family cannot afford to send her to school until wise words from the schoolteacher lead Mesi to ask God for help. Edition Notes. Ages 6 and older. Series. Girls 'n Gra... Book 1 in the series is Sydney Clair: A Girl 'n Grace in the 1960s. As the jungle rains diminish, a feud breaks out between Mesi's Ashanti tribe and their neighbors, the Kienese. Can Andrew break the hierarchy and be with her?