



### Photo for the Final Story: “Fia Feels Better”

The Final Story, “Fia Feels Better,” brings us full circle . . . Fia reluctantly says *Goodbye* to Nana Bea and wakes up in Mrs. Jewel’s Dance Studio. Mrs. Jewel is dramatically dressed in layers of colorful clothing that look familiar to Fia – that’s because the colors are the same colors of Nana Bea’s Butterfly Wings and the final rainbow into which Nana Bea disappears at the end of Fia’s dream. The image below is from the cover of *Fia and the Butterfly* and shows Fia holding a beautiful butterfly in her cupped hands, just as Nana Bea instructed her to do in the final story. This image actually inspired me to write about the events in the final story. I asked gifted illustrator Harvey Richards to create an image of Fia holding a butterfly in her cupped hands for the cover of my book. When I saw Harvey’s beautiful image, I could imagine just how my book would end!



FIA Lessons by Lonnetta M. Gaines written for the AACRC/African American Cultural Resource Center  
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***Final Lesson – Reading The Conclusion***  
***“Fia Feels Better”***

**pp. 111-116, *Fia and the Butterfly: 7 Stories for Character Education* by Lonnetta M. Gaines**

***AUTHOR’S NOTES***

The *setting* for The Conclusion – Fia’s Imagination and Louisville, Kentucky – returns us to the beginning. In The Conclusion, Fia leaves her Dream World with Nana Bea and returns to the real world. I had so much fun writing The Conclusion! I love stories with happy endings and that’s exactly what I wrote!

In her Dream World, Nana Bea, the Storytelling Butterfly, tells Fia it’s time to say *Goodbye*. Then, she becomes a beautiful real butterfly, nestling in Fia’s cupped hands, just like on the cover of my book . . . and then she fades away into a multicolored rainbow. I love rainbows!

Fia doesn’t want Nana Bea to go. “I have another question,” she repeats, trying to get Nana Bea to stay. Fia flails her arms, repeating, “I have another question!”

“Oh, thank goodness! She’s moving,” a woman says. And that’s how Fia wakes up. Emerging from her Dream World, Fia looks around. She sees the concerned woman who, as it turns out, is wearing layers of colorful clothes – rainbow colors like Nana Bea, like the multicolored butterfly. And the woman is Mrs. Jewel, and Fia is in Mrs. Jewel’s Dance Studio, and Fia feels very much at home.

Have you ever thought you DIDN'T want something and then it turned out to be exactly the right thing to happen in your life? That's what happened to me. I thought I didn't want my parents to move from Alabama to Louisville, but I was so wrong!

Because we moved to Louisville, my life unfolded so wonderfully well. Dance became a part of my life, a very important part. And I met a lifelong friend, Mrs. Judith Owens-Lalude, my across-the-street neighbor, who happens to be a prolific author. Judith read every word of *Fia and the Butterfly: 7 Stories for Character Education* before it was published and gave me advice that helped me to make it better.

So, Dear Readers, it all comes back to faith. It's so important to keep our faith and to trust that even when things look awful, there's a seed of goodness, of love and joy and peace within. For me, that means trusting The Holy Spirit, my Guide, my Mentor, and my Eternal Friend.

I hope you enjoyed reading *Fia and the Butterfly* and completing these FIA Lessons and Activities.

The Concluding Activity contains a special message just for you! Enjoy!!!

***Extra Credit (smile). Answer the twelve questions at the end of the story (pp 115 & 116).***

*Also, read the "Back Matter" – Reflections, Information about KWANZAA, Information about The Civil Rights Movement, Gratitude, and References.*



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### Final FIA Activity – Unscramble the Message

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Unscramble each of the clue words.  
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

Write the Message below:

Read this important message out loud and remember it!

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