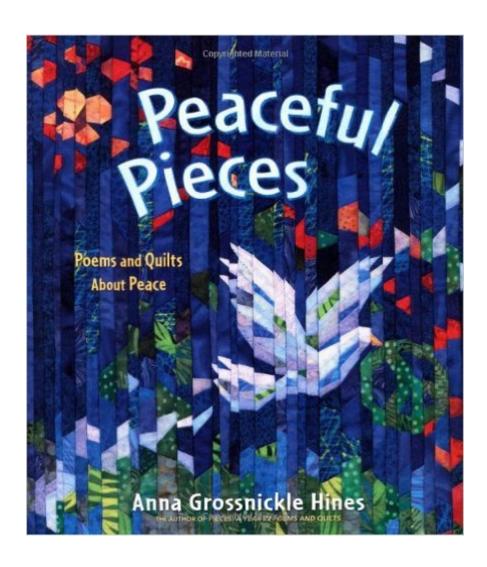
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Peaceful Pieces: Poems And Quilts About Peace





Synopsis

In this evocative collection of poems illustrated by beautiful handmade quilts, Anna Grossnickle Hines explores peace in all its various and sometimes surprising forms: from peace at home to peace on a worldwide scale to peace within oneself. Pondering the meaning of peace and its fleeting nature, this book compels each of us to discover and act upon peace ourselves.

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Customer Reviews

Folks will ask for it. Sure they will. You sit at a children's reference desk in a library long enough and eventually somebody is going to ask you for a book on the topic of "peace". As a librarian, you're in a pickle. See, you want to give them what they want, and certainly there is no lack of peace-related books for children out there. But since you're a librarian you want to get your patrons to best of the best. And to be perfectly frank, I'd say that the bulk of peace books for kids out there are dreck. Goopy, icky, sentimental crud. There are exceptions, of course. Books like "The Big Book for Peace" for example are pretty good without dipping a toe too often in the tempting waters of didacticism. Poetry exists too but as with most things it's hard to separate the good from the bad. You get a leg up if the art's extraordinary, though. Now Anna Grossnickle Hines probably ranks as one of the top (maybe THE top) quilt-based illustrators of children's books on the North American continent. I regularly use her "1, 2, Buckle My Shoe" in my Toddler Storytimes. Her art is delightful but I admit to suppressing a small sigh when I saw that she'd created a book of peace poems.

Fortunately I was pleased to discover that quite a few of these are pretty good. The poems are far more touch and go than the art, but all in all the collection is strong. And pretty. Did I mention pretty? Pretty. "O peace, / why are you such / an infrequent guest?

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