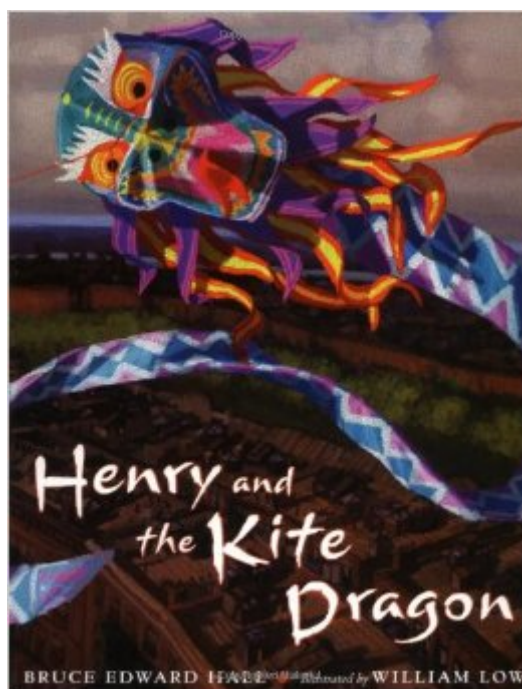


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# Henry & The Kite Dragon



## Synopsis

Everyone knows that kids from Chinatown don't go to the park when the kids from Little Italy are there. They're rough, they're big, and they don't like Chinese kids. That's okay-Henry doesn't like them, either. But what Henry does like are kites. He loves them. Even more, he loves to help his friend Grandfather Chin make them, and fly them over Chinatown and the park. But when Tony Guglione and his friends from Little Italy keep throwing rocks and destroying their beautiful creations, Henry and his friends decide enough is enough! In this touching story based on true 1920's events, two rival groups of children representing two different cultures come face to face, and when they do, they find they share much more than just the same sky.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

With the aid of beautiful illustrations, this is a tale of the turn of century immigrant struggle, clash of cultures and an eventual peace fragile and brave as its symbolic dragon kite, as played out through city dwelling young boys whose rivalries and youthful warfare are a hint of the larger ugliness in the adult world. Naturally, a wise elder holds the solution.

Henry and his best friend Thelma Fung live in Chinatown, New York and help a kind old man make

kites. However, Tony Guglioni and his gang of friends of Little Italy, who don't like Chinese people, keep destroying their kites with rocks. Finally, Henry has had enough. He gathers his friends and meets Tony's gang head-on. But there may be more than one reason they are throwing rocks... With a realistic, non-violent ending and gorgeous paintings, this book is a amazing, unique read.  
Review by Sarah

The illustrations in this book are beautiful--sweeping, lush paintings that are contemporary and classic at the same time. A nice break from all the "cartoony" books for children out there. A nice message, too.

Happy to get this book as gifts for family members. It's written about my great grandfather, the kite flyer in the story and illustrated by a classmate of one of my brothers. A wonderful book.

I just read this book to my 4 year old and oh my goodness! What a tremendously beautiful book in every way! The illustrations were gorgeous and the story itself was unbelievably touching. What an incredible lesson in "not everything is as it seems," as well as acceptance, friendship, and respect for all things. I have only ever reviewed one more book but I was so touched by this I had to share my opinion with others. A MUST HAVE!!

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