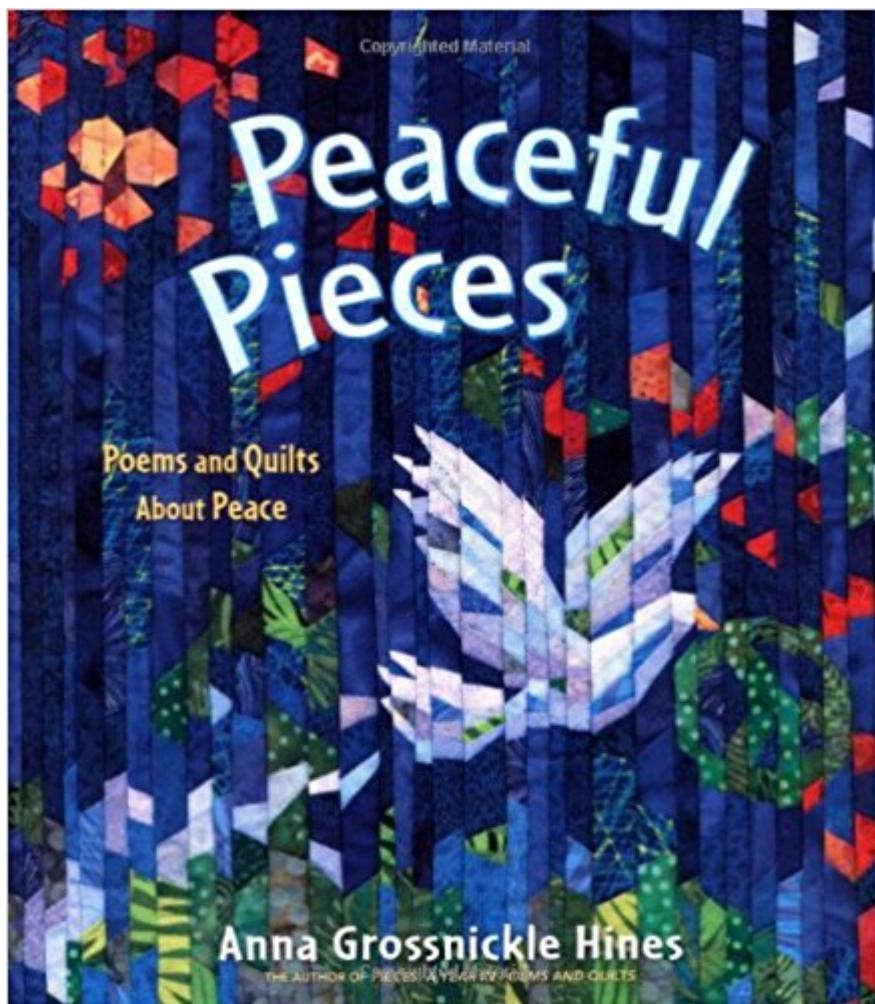


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# Peaceful Pieces: Poems And Quilts About Peace



## **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**

Gr 1-5-Using exquisitely detailed handmade quilts as a backdrop, Hines's poems explore the overarching themes of peace, understanding, tolerance, and friendship. The diverse selections illustrate the ways in which peace relates to everyday life and are presented in a variety of formats and contexts. For example, one poem is told from the perspective of a child whose father came back from war a changed man. Another uses the game of dominoes as a metaphor for the idea that human beings influence one another in far-reaching ways. The quilts that accompany the selections serve to expand upon their themes and create an interesting contrast to the text. Children will be fascinated by the painstakingly intricate stitching, bold colors, and poignant imagery. In an author's note, Hines describes her writing and quilt-making processes. Mini-biographies of eight influential peacemakers, including Mother Teresa and Gandhi, are included. This book would be perfect for reading aloud and also appropriate for independent reading by poetry-loving children. Because of its

unique presentation and breadth of subjects, Peaceful Pieces would be a good companion to Vladimir Radunsky's *What Does Peace Feel Like?* (S & S, 2004). While some of the poems are more moving than others, the collection as a whole underscores the importance of people finding common ground despite their differences.-Rita Meade, Brooklyn Public Library, NY (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

\*Starred Review\* In *Pieces: A Year in Poems & Quilts* (2001), Hines took her books in a new direction, creating quilts to illustrate poems written around a central theme. Her newest jewel-bright offering showcases 28 short poems about peace, a broad concept interpreted here in varied ways. The narrative poems wind their way to the central point, while the haiku and acrostics are brief and pithy. The most effective pieces are the most specific and personal, even when their connection to peace seems, at first, oblique. Several poems interpret the theme in ways that speak directly to a child's experience, while others reflect a broader view. The most striking aspect of the book is its quilted, pieced-cloth artwork, and the borderless pages allow maximum impact for Hines' bold, expressive visual statements. Two of the spreads are composed mainly in black and white, while, in others, colors, patterns, and stitched lines create a rich variety of effects, from scenes evoking a surprising illusion of depth to bold images that seem to rise from their backgrounds. In the closing pages, Hines comments on the process of quilting and identifies the eight peacemakers photographically represented in one of the illustrations. A beautiful poetry book on an ever-relevant theme. Grades 2-5. --Carolyn Phelan

This is a very sweet little book, nice for use as a gift to someone who quilts or to a child. Either would appreciate it equally. The poems have wonderful life's lessons any child could relate to, all superimposed on lovely pictures of quilts made by hand. I sent it as a going away gift to a friend who is moving to be near her daughter's family with small kids. I can imagine her cuddled up to one of her grandchildren, reading this book to them. I really enjoyed it and would love to have a copy myself.

Hines' exquisitely illustrated quilted pieces are coordinated so profoundly with her poetry for youngsters and older readers alike. Shared with members of our quilting guild, the author's book made lasting impressions on techniques for both handwork and for the challenge of creating peace. Those quilters who scribbled the title in their purchase notes are sure to add this masterpiece to

their library collections.

This is a beautiful book for both children and adults. Anna Hines' poems look at peace from many different perspectives and are accompanied by exquisite, highly detailed quilts made by the author to illustrate their themes. She also discusses the way she works and includes the biographies of eight peacemakers. A lovely addition to a child's library as well as a gift for adults.

As we were working on a Peace Quilt for Quaker Meeting, I bought this book to show to the children.... The author is a phenomenal quilter. Beautifully made, original, and sometimes ingenious, this book is a delight to the eye and to the ear.

Excellent book!!

beautiful art and wonderful poetry/stories.

amazingly beautiful book

While Peaceful Pieces may have been written for children, I found myself, as an adult, carried to that place of comfort that comes only when we are reassured that all is well. Anna Grossnickle Hines has pieced together words that are as colorful and evocative as the artful quilts that form the background for her poems. As I read, I felt as if I were curled snuggly in my own quilt, with memories of peaceful moments in my own past and assurances of peaceful moments to come. What a beautiful, playful way to introduce children - everyone - to poetry and peace.

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