

Friends of Peace Park Sheboygan Books on Peace – for children

*“If we are to reach real peace in the world,
we shall have to begin with the children.”*

~ Mahatma Gandhi



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADES

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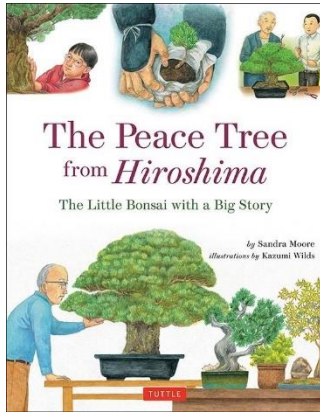



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How to Heal a Broken Wing by Bob Graham

In a city full of hurried people, only young Will notices the bird lying hurt on the ground. With the help of his sympathetic mother, he gently wraps the injured bird and takes it home. Wistful and uplifting in true Bob Graham fashion, here is a tale of possibility — and of the souls who never doubt its power. [3]
Candlewick Press, 2008 (Ages 5-8)






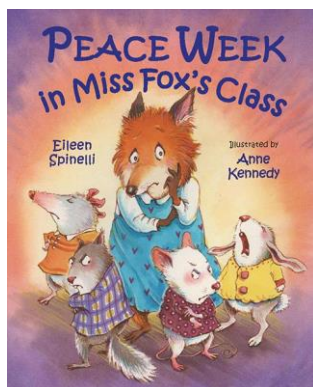
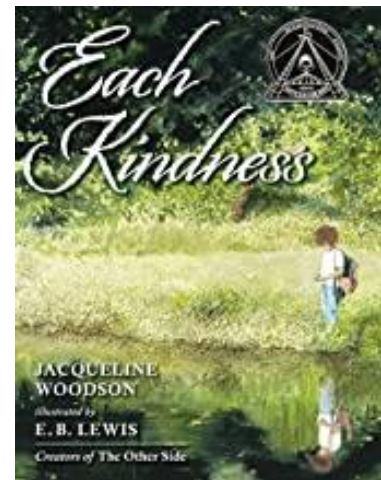
The Peace Tree from Hiroshima by Sandra Moore
Based on true events, award-winning **The Peace Tree from Hiroshima** is told by a little bonsai tree called Miyajima. The bonsai lived with the same family in the Japanese city of Hiroshima for more than 300 years before being donated to the National Arboretum in Washington DC in 1976 as a gesture of friendship between America and Japan.
Elementary [2] 

Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson illustrated by E. B. Lewis


“Each kindness makes the world a little better.”

This unforgettable book, with its powerful anti-bullying message and striking art, will resonate with readers long after they've put it down.

Chloe and her friends won't play with the new girl, Maya. Every time Maya tries to join Chloe and her friends, they reject her. Eventually Maya stops coming to school. When Chloe's teacher gives a lesson about how even small acts of kindness can change the world, Chloe is stung by the lost opportunity for friendship, and thinks about how much better it could have been if she'd shown a little kindness toward Maya. Ages 5-8 [3] 



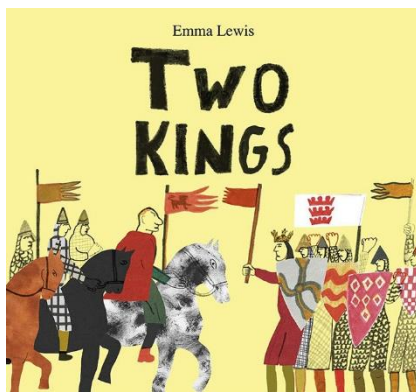
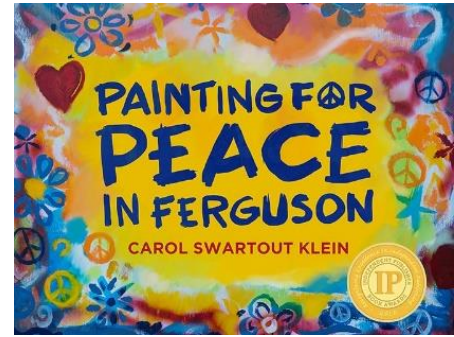
Peace Week in Miss Fox's Class by Eileen Spinelli

Cartoonish critters are creating havoc in Miss Fox's classroom, so she declares a Peace Week. No more squabbling, saying mean things, fighting, or teasing. Throughout the entire week, each student has an opportunity to practice peace and learn new behaviors, such as complimenting and helping one another. After you've read it with your kid, why not pass it on to your child's teacher—every classroom could use a Peace Week! (5-8 years) [4] 

Painting for Peace in Ferguson by Carol Swartout Klein

After months of tension something appeared on the streets of Ferguson that hadn't been seen for a long time ... HOPE. Through poetry and art, this award-winning book tells the true story of hundreds of artists and volunteers who turned boarded up windows into works of art with messages of hope, healing and unity in the aftermath of the Ferguson, MO riots. Written in verse, the book focuses on the way the community came together to begin the healing process through the Paint for Peace effort. Using illustration and photographs of the art and the artists --black and white, young and old--the book is a tool for beginning the conversation with children about how we all have something to contribute to healing our communities.

As the last line in the book says, "The work is not finished, there's much more to be done. But this art shows the spirit of a new Ferguson." (Ages 5-12) [3]

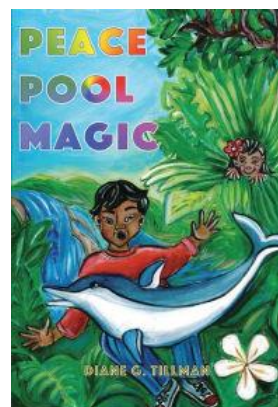


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Two Kings by Emma Lewis

When the old king dies, a Duke and Earl find themselves in competition for the Kingdom. Their vanity and greed see them locked in a futile battle, which impacts the lives of the people who live in the Kingdom. But what do the people want? And will anyone listen? In this moralistic tale about the dangers of vanity and power-hungry leaders, Emma Lewis's distinctive collage style—inspired by the famous Bayeux Tapestry—lends a unique approach to a contemporary folktale.

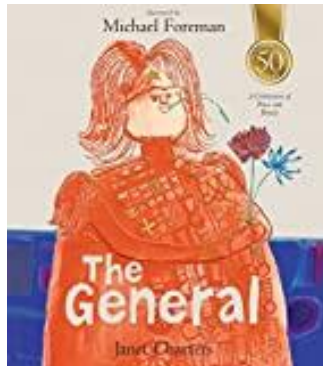
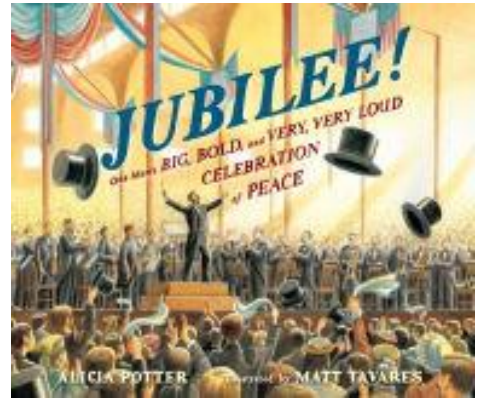


Peace Pool Magic by Diane G. Tillman

Older readers will enjoy this modern-day folk tale set in Hawaii. Facing modern day middle school troubles from mean kids and bullies, Mana discovers old world mystery with the mystical Menehunes of Hawaii. They teach him about peace and self-respect. They also teach him about the achievements kids are capable of when they are determined to be the difference in their own world. (Ages 9-12) [4]

Jubilee! One Man's Big, Bold and Very, Very Loud Celebration of Peace by Alicia Potter and Matt Tavares

In 1869, a bandleader by the name of Patrick Sarsfield Gilmore created the National Peace Jubilee to commemorate and celebrate the end of the Civil War. While twelve cannons, forty church bells, one thousand musicians, and ten thousand singers does not exactly sound peaceful, it was the joy of the music that brought peace to many. The power of music continues to bring peace to many today. (Ages 7-10) [4]

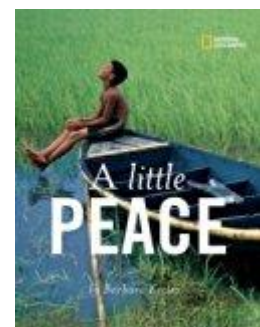


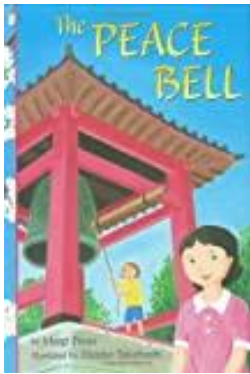
The General by Jane Charters

An oldie but goldie! Originally written in 1961, **The General** sends a timeless message of peace. Ruthless General Jodhpur is set on becoming the most famous general in the world. Until one day he falls off his horse, only to discover the beauty of nature. The next morning the General tells his army that from now on they will no longer fight but instead work hard to make their country the most beautiful in the world. Elementary Grades [2]

A Little Peace by Barbara Kerley

This stunning book that provides an evocative and thought-provoking view of the world our children will inherit. The book combines photographs from around the world with a simple, reflective message about our responsibilities for finding and keeping peace on the planet. All the photos are reproduced in miniature at the back with geographic, historic, and cultural details. Elementary Grades [2]





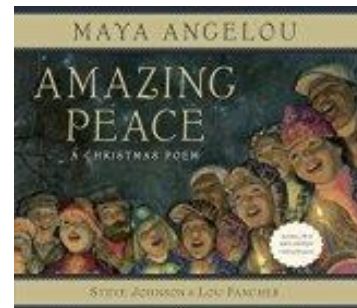
The Peace Bell by Margi Preus

Yuko's grandmother remembers that when she was a little girl many years ago in Japan, her town's beautiful temple bell was taken away to be used as scrap metal for the war. She thought she'd never see it again. After the war the bell was brought to America by a U.S. Navy crew who found it abandoned in a Japanese shipyard. The bell was later returned to Japan as a gesture of friendship between the former warring countries. Told in evocative prose, **The Peace Bell** is an inspiring story based on the American-

Japanese Friendship Peace Bell. Elementary Grades [2]

Amazing Peace by Maya Angelou

Angelou's moving Christmas poem, which she first read at the 2005 White House tree-lighting ceremony, comes alive in this beautiful children's book. The book depicts a family celebrating the holidays with their community – rich and poor, black and white, Christian, Muslim, and Jewish. **Amazing Peace** gives children a message of hope, peace and community. Includes an audio CD of the author reading the poem aloud. Elementary Grades [2]



The Forgiveness Garden by Lauren Thompson

A long time ago and far away—although it could be here, and it could be now—a boy threw a stone and injured a girl. For as long as anyone could remember, their families had been enemies, and their towns as well, so it was no surprise that something bad had happened. Hate had happened. Revenge had happened. And that inspired more hate and more calls for revenge. But this time, a young girl decided to try something different. Inspired by the original Garden of

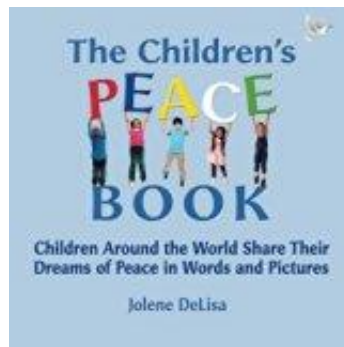
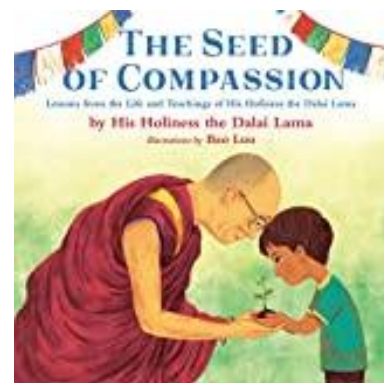
Forgiveness in Beirut, Lebanon, and the movement that has grown up around it, the story is a timeless parable that shows readers a better way to resolve conflicts and emphasizes the importance of moving forward together. Elementary Grades [2]



The Seed of Compassion by His Holiness The Dalai Lama

For the first time ever, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate His Holiness the Dalai Lama addresses children directly, sharing lessons of peace and compassion. One of today's most inspiring world leaders was once an ordinary child named Lhamo Thondup. In a small village in Tibet, his mother was his first great teacher of compassion. In everyday moments from his childhood, young readers begin to see that important lessons are all around us. With simple, powerful text and vibrant illustrations, **The Seed of Compassion** offers guidance and encouragement to young children.

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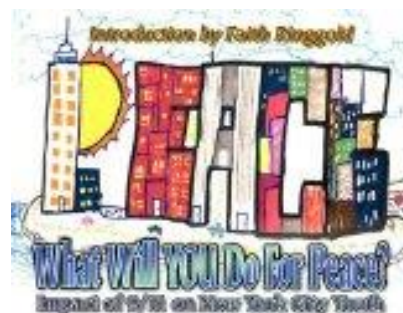
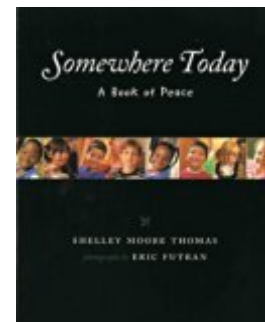
The Children's Peace Book by Jolene DeLisa

In words and pictures, children around the world share their dreams of peace in this touching book. The author writes in her introduction: "Put a group of children together and they overcome language and culture and quickly learn how to be friends. We must learn from them." **The Children's Peace Book** contains messages of hope, stunningly illustrated with drawings from children around the world.

Elementary Grades [2]

Somewhere Today: A Book of Peace by Shelley Moore Thomas

"Somewhere today... someone is being a friend instead of fighting." With poetic text and vibrant photographs, this book shows simple ways to make the world a better place, from visiting someone who is old to teaching a little sister to ride a bike, or sharing an experience with a friend from a different culture. Elementary Grades [2]



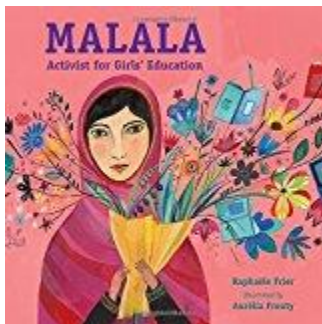
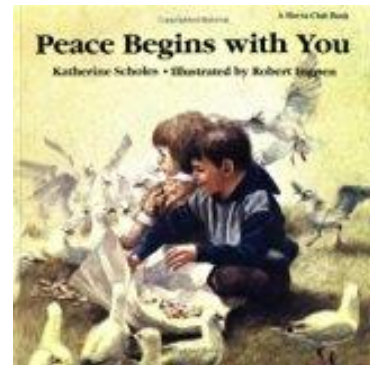
What Will You Do For Peace? Impact of 9/11 on New York City Youth With an introduction by Faith Ringgold

This book documents the 9/11 experiences of New York City youth. In their own powerful words and images, young people from different cultures call for peace and understanding. Faith Ringgold guided the young people throughout the creative process, helped select the

artwork and wrote the introduction. Elementary Grades [2]

Peace Begins With You by Katherine Scholes

“What is peace? / Where does it come from? / How can you find it? / And how can you keep it?” This book explains in simple terms the concept of peace, why conflicts occur, how they can be resolved, and how to protect peace. The muted, subtle paintings complement the prose perfectly. Elementary Grades [2]



Malala: Activist for Girls' Education by Rupa Kaur Frier

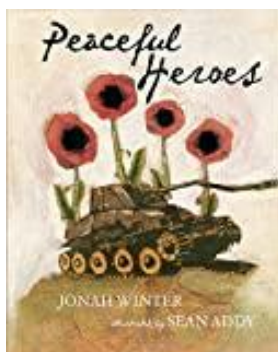
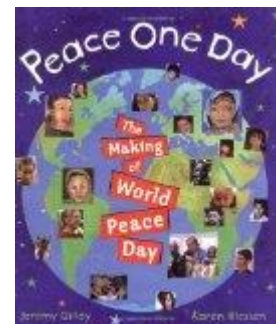
Beautifully illustrated **Malala: Activist for Girls' Education** is the latest picture book about the brave girl from Pakistan. Malala Yousafzai stood up to the Taliban and fought for the right for all girls to receive an education. At age 15, the Taliban attempted to kill Malala, but even this did not stop her activism. At age 18, Malala became the youngest person to be awarded the Nobel

Peace Prize for her work. Elementary Grades [2]




Peace One Day by Jeremy Gilley

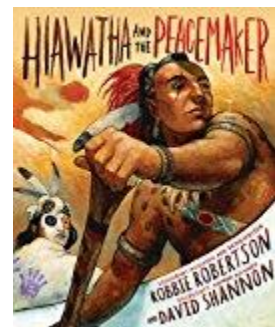
One day, Jeremy Gilley had an idea: There should be one day each year when the world stops fighting and celebrates peace. So he traveled the globe to meet with leaders such as Kofi Annan, Amre Moussa, Shimon Peres, and His Holiness the Dalai Lama. **Peace One Day** describes how the 21st of September became World Peace Day and shows that a single person can make a difference in the world. Elementary Grades [2]




Peaceful Heroes by Jonah Winter

Too often, the word “hero” is reserved for warriors who fight with weapons. Renowned picture book biographer Jonah Winter writes of another kind of hero, a peaceful hero, who is willing to die for a cause, but never to kill for a cause. From the ultimate hero, Jesus of Nazareth, to the ordinary man who saved Rwanda, Paul Rusesabagina, **Peaceful Heroes** brings children the inspiring stories of some of the bravest people in history. Elementary / Middle Grades [2]

Hiawatha and the Peacemaker by Robbie Robertson
Brave Mohawk warrior Hiawatha has lost his family in battle and wants revenge. But then the Peacemaker appears. He wants to unite the warring tribes and chooses Hiawatha to help him communicate his message of peace. Musical icon Robbie Robertson shares the powerful story of **Hiawatha and the Peacemaker** in an accessible way for children. Includes a CD featuring a new, original song by Robbie Robertson.
Elementary / Middle Grades [2] 



Peaceful Pieces: Poems and Quilts About Peace by Anna Grossnickle Hines
This evocative collection of poems, illustrated by beautiful handmade quilts, 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 young readers to discover and act upon peace. Includes short biographies of eight peacemakers. Elementary grades [2] 

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