

**Handersen Publishing Announces Publication of
Origami Picture Book *The Day We Went to the Park***

LINCOLN, Nebraska – (February 1, 2020) – Handersen Publishing, an independent children’s press, announces for February release *The Day We Went to the Park* by authors Linda Stephen and Christine Manno. This rhyming origami picture book, illustrated by award-winning paper artist Linda Stephen, will captivate both children and adults.

The Day We Went to the Park takes the reader on a walk around a community park in the summer – exploring all there is to see, do and hear. Through rhyming verses and detailed *origami* paper sculptures, the story invites readers to observe, imagine and interact with some of the nature at the park including squirrels, ladybugs, pine trees, prairie flowers and a painted turtle. The *origami* illustrations in *The Day We Went to the Park* reflect the richly diverse communities in which we all live and include people of different ages, ethnicity, ability and gender.

The Day We Went to the Park features colorful illustrations crafted from hundreds of handmade Japanese papers and more than 1,000 *origami* paper sculptures. The playful text will engage and delight readers of all ages. An excellent tool for teachers of indoor or outdoor classrooms, librarians and school counselors, *The Day We Went to the Park* supports lessons on nature, friendship, mindfulness and diversity. *The Day We Went to the Park* is a worthy addition to any classroom or library collection seeking to promote diversity and inclusion awareness through children’s literature.

The back matter includes a bonus craft project with directions on how to fold an origami caterpillar.

Available nationwide wherever books are sold. Signed copies of the book are available at www.TheDayWeWentToThePark.com or www.HandersenPublishing.com. The hardback is \$19.95, the paperback is \$11.95, and the e-book is \$4.99.

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Book trailer: <https://youtu.be/lTQJEt-d4gI>

About the Authors

Linda Stephen is fluent in Japanese. She studied Japanese arts and language at the Japan Center for Michigan Universities (JCMU) and worked for six years as a teacher and translator in Japan. She has served as a writer on five continents for clients including United Nations' agencies, international nonprofits, technology start-ups, and book publishers. She is a member of the Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI).

Christine Manno is a university professor, world traveler, and knitter extraordinaire. In her free time, she enjoys long walks on crisp days with her French bulldog, Miss Daizy. Learn more at www.TheDayWeWentToThePark.com.

About the Illustrator

Linda Stephen is an award-winning paper artist whose artworks are part of public and private collections around the world. Her *origami* landscapes have been featured in more than 150 juried exhibits across the country including the U.S. Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C., the Museum of Nebraska Art and the Museum of the Hudson Highlands in New York. Linda's art medium is paper - Japanese handmade papers that she uses for background layers and 3D *origami* sculptures. She teaches workshops on *origami*, Japanese culture and Japanese paper arts across the country. See a gallery at www.LindaStephen.com. Follow on Facebook @LindaStephenOrigamiArt and on Twitter @LindaOrigamiArt.

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