

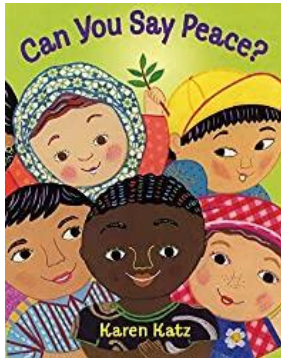
# Promoting Peace: A Reading List for Young Children

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PEACEBUILDING AND  
CONFLICT PREVENTION

**Can You Say Peace?** by Karen Katz. (2006) Henry Holt.

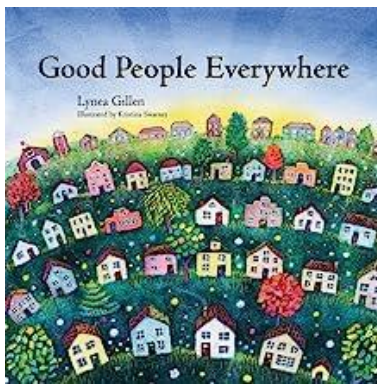


Ages 3-7  
Grades PreK-2

Katz's bright illustrations accompany a simple text that teach the reader how to say peace in different languages. Each page spread introduces a child from another country and how he or she says peace in his or her language. Written for the United Nations International Day of Peace, this is great for toddlers and preschoolers.

ISBN 9780606384445

**Good People Everywhere** by Linea Gillen and Kristina Swarner. (2012). Three Pebble Press.

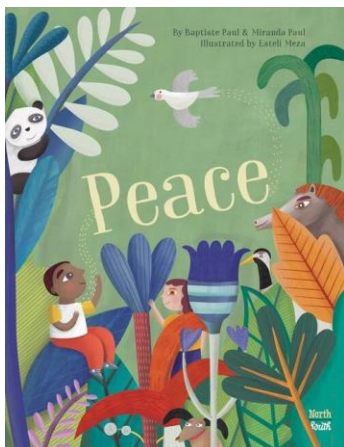


Ages 2-6  
Grade PreK-1

A colorful picture book that will warm the hearts of children and adults alike, each of its pages contain endearing examples and vibrant illustrations to inspire children to grow into grateful, caring, and giving people. It provides a wonderful way to calm children before sleep, ease their fears, and help them develop an appreciation for good work. Also included are activity pages to help children practice skills for creating gratitude, compassion, and beauty in daily life. Winner of Mom's Choice Award, Teacher's Choice and Moonbeam Children's Book Awards

ISBN 9780979928987

**Peace** by Baptiste Paul & Miranda Paul, illustrated by Esteli Meza. (2021) NorthSouth Books.



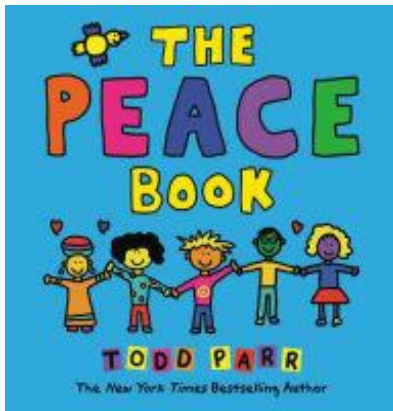
Ages 4-8  
Grades PreK-2

Don't let the short text and familiar style fool you. This lyrical poem with its beautiful illustrations presents bold ideas worth talking with your young reader.

*Peace is on purpose.  
Peace is a choice.  
Peace lets the smallest of us  
have a voice.*

ISBN 9780735844490

***The Peace Book* by Todd Parr.** (2004) Little, Brown and Company.

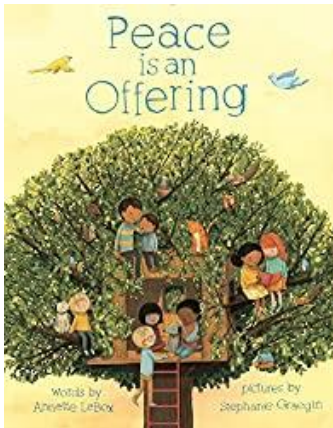


Ages 3-6  
Grades PreK-1

This book will give young children a helpful understanding of peace. With colorful pictures and simple prose, Parr explains peace in terms of helping a neighbor, making new friends, keeping streets clean, or listening to music. Peace becomes less of an immaterial concept and more of a concrete way to emulate peacefulness with actions.

ISBN 9780316059626

***Peace is an Offering* by Annette LeBox, illustrated by Stephanie Graegin.** (2015) Dial Books.

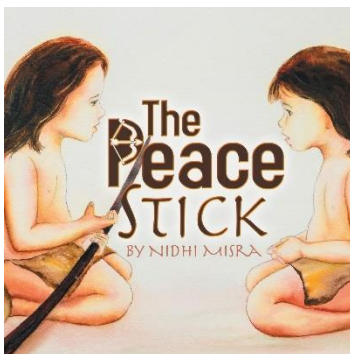


Ages 3-7  
Grades PreK-2

A rhyming story takes kids on a journey to discover how simple experiences can offer individuals peace. Peace can be an offering, or gratitude, or friendship, for example. Each idea is expanded upon and encourages children to find peace and hope even during life's disappointments and sorrows.

ISBN 9780803740914

***The Peace Stick* by Nidhi Misra.** (2015) Castlebridge Books.

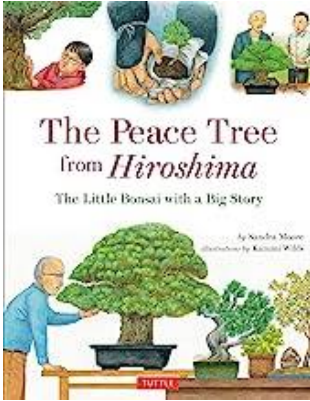


Ages 4-7  
Grades PreK-2

Based on the Native American legend of The Talking Stick, this delightful story follows two boys who love to play with sticks. When one special stick creates conflict, they learn about another special stick, one that can solve arguments! Encourages children to use The Talking Stick to listen and communicate in peace.

ISBN 9781601311672

***The Peace Tree from Hiroshima: The Little Bonsai with a Big Story* by Sandra Moore, illustrated by Kazumi Wilds. (2015) Tuttle Publishing.**

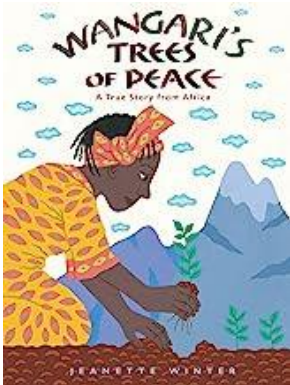


Ages 3-9  
Grades PreK-3

This heartwarming picture book tells the story of an almost 400-year-old bonsai tree that survived the Hiroshima bombing that was donated to the US as a gesture of friendship.

ISBN 9784805313473

***Wangari's Trees of Peace* by Jeanette Winter. (2018) Clarion Books.**

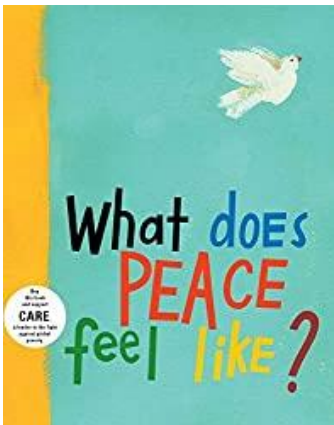


Ages 3-9  
Grades PreK-3

The inspiring true story of Wangari Maathai, environmentalist and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, whose passion, vision and determination profoundly improved her country's health and economy through the simple act of planting trees.

ISBN 9780152065454

***What Does Peace Feel Like?* by Vladimir Radunsky. (2004). Atheneum Books for Young Readers.**

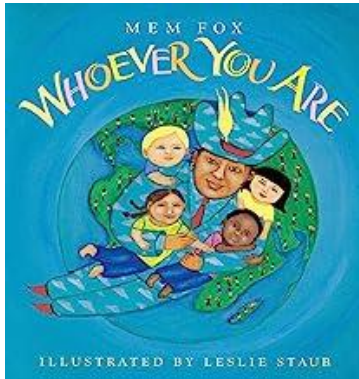


Ages 4-8  
Grades PreK-3

This charming book reveals children's answers on peace as it relates to the five senses. What does peace feel like, taste like, sound like, smell like, and look like? Radunsky explores this concept with several children from a school in Rome. This artful book is an excellent starting point for a discussion on peace in your home and community. It also features the word "peace" represented in almost 200 different languages.

ISBN 9780689866760

**Whoever You Are** by Mem Fox, illustrated by Leslie Staub. (2022) Clarion Books.



Ages 2-6  
Grade PK-3

Every day all over the world, children are laughing and crying, playing and learning, eating and sleeping. They may not look the same. They may not speak the same language. Their lives may be quite different from each other. But inside, they are all alike.

ISBN 9780152007874



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