

## Great Peacemakers Entry for Green Dot Awards (Entry Category: Entertainment + Culture)

### Background and Contact Information

LTS Press is a small independent publishing house dedicated to helping create a more peaceful, sustainable, and humane world. Our latest work is the book *Great Peacemakers*. This book tells the inspiring true-life stories of 20 great peacemakers from around the world and offers insights for creating peace in daily life. To date, the book has won more than 20 awards and is endorsed by several prominent individuals, including 3 presidents and 3 Nobel Peace Prize winners.

In addition to being read by general readers, *Great Peacemakers* is also being taught in several schools, colleges, and universities, including prestigious institutions such as Brandeis and George Washington University. Accompanying study guides are available for a variety of audiences. Educators are highly enthusiastic about how the book can enhance study of traditional disciplines (such as English, history, social sciences, etc.) while introducing important social issues, positive role models, and examples of nonviolent conflict resolution. In addition, educators are reporting concrete positive behavior changes in students studying the book.

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### Detailed Explanation of Entry

Publisher: LTS Press  
Title: Great Peacemakers: True Stories from Around the World  
ISBN: 978-0-9801382-0-7  
Authors: Ken Beller and Heather Chase  
No. of Pages: 195 (illustrated with 60 photographs)

*Great Peacemakers* is organized into 5 sections, or paths to peace, one of which is Caring for the Planet. The essence of this section is expressed in its opening quote:

“If we did a better job of managing our resources sustainably, conflicts over them would be reduced. So, protecting the global environment is directly related to securing peace.”  
—Wangari Maathai

This section tells the true life stories of American writer Rachel Carson, Canadian broadcaster Dr. David Suzuki, Kenyan environmentalist Dr. Wangari Maathai, and Iranian-American architect Nader Khalili. Their profiles address environmental issues such as insecticide use, global warming, deforestation, sustainable building, and the relationship between the environment and peace—all through engaging stories illustrated with historic and contemporary photographs.

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Life stories in other parts of the book also address environmental topics. For example, that of English primatologist Dr. Jane Goodall addresses habitat destruction and wildlife conservation. That of American writer Henry David Thoreau addresses wilderness preservation and simple living. That of Swedish writer Astrid Lindgren addresses factory farming and that of German humanitarian Dr. Albert Schweitzer addresses the ethic of reverence for all life.

In keeping with the book's content and our own concern about the environment, we strove to make the book itself environmentally-friendly. Accordingly, it is made with the following sustainable materials.

Paper: Rolland Enviro100 (recycled 100% postconsumer waste, processed chlorine free, made with biogas energy and Forest Stewardship Council-certified)  
Ink: Soy-based  
Cover materials: Rainbow 80 & HannoArt gloss (both Forest Stewardship Council-certified)

### **Entry Manufacture and Delivery**

*Great Peacemakers* is manufactured by Transcontinental Printing, which is Forest Stewardship Council-certified. Usually, the book is ordered online and delivered to customers via United States Postal Service in mailers that are recycled and/or recyclable, such as Cradle to Cradle-certified paperboard envelopes or corrugated cardboard cartons.

*Great Peacemakers* is a Certified CarbonFree Product through a partnership between Carbonfund.org and LTS Press. All the carbon emissions associated with the publication of this book—paper production, printing process, and shipping—have been offset with reforestation and renewable energy.

The book's accompanying study guides are available in electronic format for free download from the book's Web site. Alternately, the longer study guides can be purchased in hard copy format—printed on paper containing 100% postconsumer waste, bound in special recycled and recyclable 3-ring binders, and delivered using the same shipping method and materials as the book.

### **Entry Use**

Feedback indicates that *Great Peacemakers* is raising awareness and inspiring change. We find that it often gives readers new insights about the environment, especially the relationship between the environment and peace. Even expert peace scholars have said that the book gave them new insights into this relationship. Moreover, in many cases reading the book has inspired students to start environmental projects. For example, some students in Utah started a campaign to reduce car idling and some students in New Mexico started a program to recycle cafeteria waste.

Thus, the book's content, form, and effect are all proving to be positive for the environment.

While the table of contents is impressive, with twenty great souls selected for concise review, what really got my attention was the Introduction, where the authors observe that after much research, they found five distinct groups or "paths to peace": choosing nonviolence, living peace, honoring diversity, valuing all life, and caring for the planet. There is one other, public intelligence (a topic on which I have written four books, published a fifth, and have just commissioned three new edited works (Collective Intelligence: Creating a Prosperous World at Peace; Peace Intelligence: Assuring Mr. Geldof exemplifies human greatness without personal benefit. He is one of the great world citizens in history! Jesus of Nazareth. This radical poor liberal pacifist turned a fundamentalist world on its head. Inheriting the passive resistant philosophy of Jesus and Gandhi, Mr. King did not only lift the spirit of the world, he did not only force the world - force America - to recognize its inhuman civil practices, but did so, not by separating his followers from their oppressors, but by uniting all people in a world of equality. A. C. Prabhupada. This spiritual master showed the world how to transcend the human experience into a spiritual one. His Grace inspired the world raise the level of humanity and righteousness by experiencing Krishna Consciousness. Great Peacemakers: True S has been added to your Cart. Add to Cart. Buy Now. The most exciting story in the book is the story of Brazilian musician Anderson Sa, who turned his own life away from drugs and violence, then survived a broken neck from a surfing accident, then led an AfroReggae movement that has led thousands of young people away from drugs and violence. Others included are, Henry David Thoreau, Mother Teresa, Thich Nhat Hahn, Colman McCarthy, Bruno Hassar, Desmond Tutu, Riane Eisler, The Dalai Lama, Henry Salt, Albert Schweitzer, Astrid Lindgren, Jane Goodall, Rachel Carson, Nadar Khalili, and Wangari Maathai.

Winner of more than thirty awards, Great Peacemakers is endorsed by three presidents and three Nobel Peace Prize winners. This concise and easy-to-read book tells the inspiring true life stories of twenty great peacemakers from around the world—from a Vietnamese monk to a Brazilian musician... To celebrate the International Day of Peace on September 21st, we're offering the Great Peacemakers eBook free on Amazon.com from Sept. 21-23. Winner of 30+ book awards and endorsed by 3 presidents and 3 Nobel Peace Prize winners, the book tells the inspiring life stories of 20 great peacemakers from around the world (Mahatma Gandhi, Jane Goodall, the Dalai Lama, Mother Teresa, etc.) and it offers powerful insights for cultivating peace in our own lives. What makes a great Peacemaker? Each one of these people is a prime example of persistence, vision, overcoming hardships and committing to peacemaking as their life's work. Each one came from different origins, but the execution of their vision remains the same: they remained faithful to their vision of peace. Source. Great work. The story of Rigoberta Menchu was new to me and it touched my heart! AUTHOR. Cynthia Calhoun. I think it was around the time that Princess Diane also died (fix me if I'm incorrect). I thought it very interesting that the media was so focused on Princess D that Mother Teresa was in the backseat of the mind.<http://www.aluminiumslidingdoors.za.net>. AUTHOR. The world needs to celebrate these peacemakers. Ben. AUTHOR. Winner of more than thirty awards, Great Peacemakers is endorsed by three presidents and three Nobel Peace Prize winners. This concise and easy-to-read book tells the inspiring true life stories of twenty great peacemakers from around the world—from a Vietnamese monk to a Brazilian musician, from a Swedish children's author to an Iranian-American architect. Replete with abundant photos and thought-provoking quotes, Great Peacemakers is ideal for parents seeking positive role models for their children, educators looking for thought-provoking material for their students, or anyone simply wanting Great Peacemakers is not a book about guns. It is a book about people who resolved conflict or worked for a better planet through non-violent means. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi are included along with 18 others, some of whom are still working. Some of the Peacemakers I am familiar with and many I have never heard of before reading Great Peacemakers. These stories need to be broadcast until each name is as familiar as an old friend. I will be looking for more information on some of the environmentalists and I am so glad I found your wonderful book.

Buy a cheap copy of Great Peacemakers: True Stories from book by Ken Beller. Winner of more than 30 awards, and endorsed by 3 Presidents and 3 Nobel Peace Prize winners, Great Peacemakers is an entertaining and inspirational read. In this Free shipping over \$10.Â Great Peacemakers is a fascinating read about twenty incredible people--some famous or familiar, some less so--whose positive influences have reverberated around the world and affected modern history in surprisingly countless ways. The authors carefully and thoughtfully organized the peacemakers and their particular areas of focus into five categories, or paths: Choosing Nonviolence, Living Peace, Honoring Diversity, Valuing All Life, and Caring for the Planet. Great Peacemakers is not a book about guns. It is a book about people who resolved conflict or worked for a better planet through non-violent means. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi are included along with 18 others, some of whom are still working. A pleasant surprise to me was David Suzuki's story. Many if not most biology students will remember David Suzuki from classroom biology films.Â It is about time that someone gives due attention to our heroes and heroines of peace, and Great Peacemakers does an excellent job of this. The book and this topic should be standard curriculum in schools."Unless we teach our children peace, somebody else will teach them violence." Coleman McCarthy. 7 20 Great Peacemakers Henry David Thoreau: Living Deliberately Mahatma Gandhi: Nonviolent Resistance Martin Luther King, Jr.: Daring to Dream Anderson Saâ€™™: An Instrument of Change Mother Teresa: Love in Action Thich Nhat Hanh: Being Peace Coleman McCarthy: Teaching Peace Oscar Arias: â€œUsâ€ Refers to All of Humankind Bruno Hussar: Interfaith Harmony.Â Great peacemakers: True stories from around the world. Sedona, AZ: LTS Press Images of the 12 Most Popular World Religions and Sects. Retrieved from religions-sects-images/2014/05/01/id/ 569022/. 13 References contâ€™™d Gordon, H., & Grob, L. (1987) Education for peace : testimonies from world religions. Richmond, TX: Orbis Books. Download ppt "Great Peacemakers Leo R. Sandy". Great Peacemakers: True Stories from Around the World is a wonderful book filled with the stories of historically significant individuals in brief biographical format. The books international appeal springs from the 20 refreshingly inspiring real-life stories that show readers of all ages that the power of the individual to create change that spans time is indeed possible. The book is divided into five sections. Part One highlights individuals who stand out for their efforts of choosing non-violence for change, including Henry David Thoreau, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Anderso Great Peacemakers book. Read 8 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. Winner of more than thirty awards, Great Peacemakers is endorsed b...Â This concise and easy-to-read book tells the inspiring true life stories of twenty great peacemakers from around the worldâ€™™from a Vietnamese monk to a Brazilian musician, from a Swedish childrenâ€™™s author to an Iranian-American architect. Replete with ab Winner of more than thirty awards, Great Peacemakers is endorsed by three presidents and three Nobel Peace Prize winners. This concise and easy-to-read book tells the inspiring true life stories of twenty great peacemakers from around the worldâ€™™from a Vietnamese monk to a Brazilian musician, from a Swedish childrenâ€™™s author to an Iranian-Americ