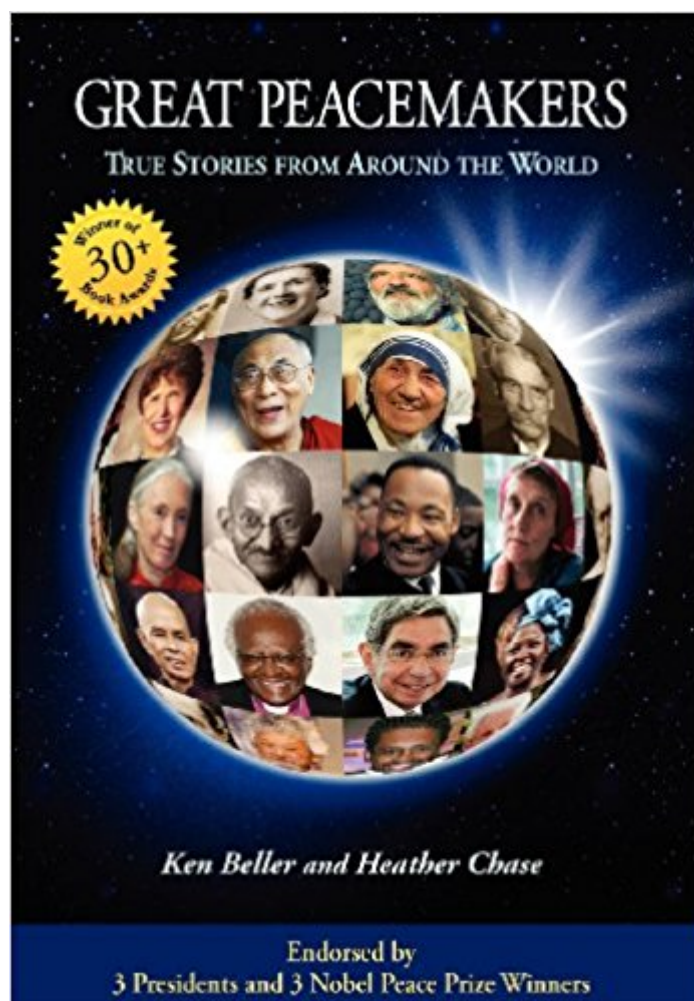


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# Great Peacemakers: True Stories From Around The World



## Synopsis

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 book you will meet twenty inspiring individuals who have made peace their choice in life, from a Vietnamese monk to a Brazilian musician, from a Swedish children's author to an Iranian-American architect. Exploring a wide range of approaches to peacemaking, *Great Peacemakers* is organized into five paths to peace: choosing nonviolence, living peace, honoring diversity, valuing all life, and caring for the planet. Each path showcases the true life stories of four amazing peacemakers who have successfully cultivated peace in a variety of ways. Whether you are a parent seeking positive role models for your children, an educator looking for thought-provoking material for your students, or someone simply wanting an uplifting read, then *Great Peacemakers* is sure to meet your needs and inspire the peacemaker in you. Read this book and find out why Dr. Oscar Arias, Nobel Peace Prize winner and former president of Costa Rica, said, "Powerful, well-researched and, above all, timely, *Great Peacemakers* should be required reading for the youth of the world."

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## Customer Reviews

*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. In the chapter about Nobel Peace Prize winner Oscar Arias, we find that following Costa Rica's example, Panama abolished its military in 1994 and Haiti abolished its military in 1995. 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 lead an AfroReggae movement that has lead thousands of young people away from drugs and violence. Others included are, Henry David Thoreau, Mother Theresa, Thich Nhat Hahn, Colman McCarthy, Bruno Hassar, Desmond Tutu, Riane Eisler, The Dali Lama, Henry Salt, Albert Schweitzer, Astrid Lindgren, Jane Goodall, Rachel Carson, Nadar Khalili, and Wangari Maathai. I eagerly await Volume II. Some possibilities are St. Francis of Assisi and Sojourner Truth. Everyone should learn this history so that it can be repeated. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. read the words of Jesus, Thoreau, and Gandhi and built from there. What can we build if we start with these 20 peacemakers? I delayed writing a review of this book because I could see that it's popular enough without my help. offered to buy back my copy for the used book section but no, I'm keeping it. Besides, if more people buy it new maybe there will be a volume II.

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.

After reading about each persons life, just what lessons that we learn have been passed down. Changing or not changing our world as we know it. Many things that were started by these people has lasted through the years, others lost by the wayside. As time goes by things that will be read, a bell will ring, light will come on, we should rethink just what can be done to make life better for everyone.

This is a story of 20 people, past and present, who the editors felt best represented peacemakers. Many I have heard of, but several I have never heard of, and a couple I learned a great deal more about. Loved the presentation! Read it in around 5 or 6 hours.

There are some surprises here. Not everyone chosen for inclusion is famous and well-known, but their works are inspirational. Some have worked to eliminate poverty, while others have tried to save the environment. All were willing to step outside the norm and follow their passion to bring about

change. The biographies are not deep, but the breadth is impressive and inspires one to want to learn more about some of these Great Peacemakers.

It is nice to be reminded that there are people who live selfless lives and think of others. We have enough self-centered aspects of our modern society that it was inspiring to know that others are out there doing so much good. I liked that the book drew on examples from all over the world and showed some diversity, I would recommend this read to anyone.

These true stories of notable people, mostly overcoming difficult circumstances and their eventual successes was inspiring and clearly would provide inspirations to those who are rather lacking in self confidence. I found them most informative and should we say educational and would heartily recommend this book to everyone.

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.

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