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Perfect for all ages, "Painting for Peace: A Coloring Book" is designed for adults and children to color together and lets them join the hundreds of artists who transformed the community of Ferguson, MO by creating dazzling and inspiring works of art with messages of peace, love and community. Now parents and grandparents can color with their little ones or on their own to create their own images based on the murals that brought real hope to the community after months of tension. This book features original street art pieces as well as some new designs ranging from highly detailed zen-like mandalas to simpler expressions of love and empathy that young children will enjoy. A wonderful companion piece to the award-winning children's picture book "Painting for Peace in Ferguson" that has been acclaimed by reviewers, teachers, parents, and kids alike.

As with the "Painting for Peace in Ferguson" picture book, all profits from book sales will be reinvested in the Ferguson community.

In the Fall of 2014, author and Ferguson native Carol Swartout Klein was inspired when artist and volunteers of all ages, races, and backgrounds came together to support the community at a very difficult time - by creating hundreds of hopeful, challenging, and beautiful paintings on boarded up windows throughout the city. This resulted in the 2015 publication of the award-winning children's storybook, Painting for Peace in Ferguson that has been acclaimed as a must-have by reviewers, critics, teachers, and parents alike.

Creating this companion piece, Painting for Peace - A Coloring Book, was a natural next step. Now you can join the artist that inspired a nation by creating your own art inspired by theirs. Photographs of the original murals, which many of this book's drawings are based on, are printed in color on the inside front and back cover. Other drawings are new originals created by the illustrator, painting, and designer Robert O'Neil which showcase his whimsical style. The coloring book designs range from simple to complex making this a coloring book for adults or a coloring book for children.

Create a positive intention for you, your family, or even your community. Immerse yourself in a world of hope and creativity and enjoy a moment where you can make life, and the world around you, more colorful!

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Carrie says

I'm new to the adult coloring book world, but truly like this book and so happy it's the first one to introduce me into the craze. It has beautiful imagery and profits go to help youth & small businesses. Reading about the artists and their art and why they created the pieces was interesting as well!

Maureen Kennedy says

From the first page to the last, this is a fantastic coloring book for adults, and for any other member of the family as well. With its beautiful construction and variety of meaningful and unique drawings, it would make a wonderful gift, even for your self. I rate it 4★ out of 5★.

See my full review at <http://adult-coloring-101.com/2016/12...>

Anna says

This book has meant a lot to me. It takes a difficult issue and makes it simpler for children to understand. They took it to the next level with this coloring book - It's perfect for kids and adults and allows multiple people to color together at the same time. even bound flat for lefties like me!

Syndi Day says

i was the lucky winner of a copy of this book through a good reads win. it is a beautifully illustrated coloring book with lovely messages in many of the pages. on the opposite pages are inspirational quotes that fit very well with the theme of the book. the message the book sends is about community working together. it is going to give me and my children many hours of pleasure filling in the pages and has already sparked some lively discussion about how people can accomplish much more when working together. a truly beautiful win. thank you carol swartout klein. syndi

Mrseickenhorst says

This book is a great coloring book for adults or children. It was such a neat opportunity to create something new and inspiring from the paintings that inspired me so much.

IkeSTL says

My kids loved the first book. It gave them an understanding of what happened - however simple, it was hopeful, and they really needed that. The coloring book is an awesome follow up that helped us continue the conversation in a bigger/different way. It's good for adults AND kids - and its bound flat so we can color together.

Debbie says

“Painting For Peace, a coloring book for all ages” by Carol Swartout Klein and Robert O'Neil

Review by: Deb Rucinski

“Painting for Peace, a coloring book for all ages”, is a unique coloring book. The author, Carol Swartout Klein, a native of Ferguson, MO, was inspired to create this book in 2014, “when artists and volunteers of all ages, races and backgrounds came together to support the community of Ferguson and St. Louis, at a very difficult time.” These volunteers created hundreds of hopeful, challenging, and beautiful paintings on boarded up windows of the storefronts to promote peace and healing. This resulted in her 2015 publication of the award winning children's storybook, “Painting For Peace in Ferguson”. This coloring book is a companion piece to the children's book.

This book has 52 pages and features 22 illustrations, based on some of the original murals painted on plywood boards that covered up the windows throughout the city. Other original drawings in this book are created from illustrator, painter, and designer Robert O'Neil.

This book measures 8.5 x 11 inches. The front cover is in pleasing colors. The back cover goes into more detail about the book and has included 3 “thumbnail” images from inside the book. The inside covers show some of the original paintings in color, with the artists names and what pages they are on inside the book. Next there is a “belong to” page that has a spot to put the colorists name and may be colored, as well. There is a copyright page that also includes links for more information on this wonderful book. There is an informational page that goes into more detail about the story of Ferguson. At the end of the book are 3 double-sided bookmarks to color.

The book is bound on the left by staples, which allows the book to lie flat and enables both right and left-handed colorists to use this easily. The illustrations are of good quality, have clean, dark lines with no fuzziness or skipping. The left side of the pages in the book have inspirational quotes that match or compliment the illustrations that are on the right side of the book.

The paper on this book is a bit heavier than most adult coloring books. It is good, quality paper. I was able to use crayons, colored pencils, gel pens and YES, even my favorite watercolor pencils with no damage to the paper. As long as I let the watercolors dry in between layers, the slight wrinkling when damp would go away completely. That is very exciting to me, as usually I have to photocopy to heavier weight paper to use my watercolors. Alcohol markers will still bleed through easily, so make sure you put an extra page or two behind the page you are working on to protect the next image against damage. Water based markers do have a tendency to start damaging the paper if you have to do more than one coat to fully cover the area you are working on, but if using a light touch, you might be okay. There are suggestions occasionally through the pages on different ways to color, or even to draw your own touches to it.

For dexterity and vision problems; the illustrations range from simple to more intricate, so there is something

in it for everyone, making it a good family coloring book, as well. For the individual who may have vision or hand issues, just take your time on those that are more intricate and come back to them later. You should have no problems. When areas are too intricate for me, I color some of the areas as a whole instead of each individual little area, so that it is easier for me.

At the back of the book are 10 short stories about the art, as told by the artists themselves. I really love these. They are heart felt stories that talk about what happened and what their painting symbolizes and represents and and ways they hope their art will help heal.

All proceeds from the sale of this book, after costs, go directly to helping youth programs and small businesses in Ferguson, Missouri and the surrounding communities.

Angela says

The events that inspired this coloring book are really what drew me to it in the first place. I love the idea of something based on real life events. I guess that I can say that I've "read" this cover to cover, reading quotes, artist bios, and gazing at illustrations. My favorite is on page 31, though being a Rent-head may have something to do with that. "The opposite of war isn't peace, it's Creation" is one of my favorite Johnathan Larson quotes and I was both shocked and happy to see it included here.

All the other illustration are beautiful too, and a highlight for me is how there are color photographs of the art each page was inspired by along with artist bios.

The different elements of this coloring book combine to make a spectacular activity for all ages that has roots in the real world. Five Stars!
