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A gift that opens your eyes, your heart, and your world

In 2009, Eric Telchin noticed a heart in a pool of melted ice cream, and hearts have followed him ever since. He launched boyseeshearts.com as a forum to share his "found" hearts, and an Internet phenomenon was born.

This enticing book pairs Eric's photography with short, poignant text to create the ultimate gift for anyone looking to lend, mend, or charm a heart. The simple message of being open to seeing hearts and finding love is one that will resonate with readers of all ages. Anyone can see hearts; it's just a matter of remembering to look for them.

## **See a Heart, Share a Heart Details**

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## NCPL Teenzone says

Think about what photos and images are stored on your cellphone or other digital device. Do you find yourself snapping images of random objects, your daily coffee or breakfast, your family? In 2009, author Eric Telchin found his first heart in a puddle of melted ice cream. He started seeing hearts everywhere and began posting pictures online and then on a daily blog. The book is a compilation of his photographs, some characterized by color, some by object, others by the way the heart was formed. It encourages the reader to slow down, look around, see a heart and share it with others.

Why I picked up the book: I'm always on the lookout for fun non-fiction to share with teens for many reasons. \*Reluctant readers, especially boys, can find something that draws them. \*To prove that non-fiction isn't purely for research or "boring" text. \*For ideas for programming.

When I stumbled upon this book, I knew I needed to see it. It is short and has very little text. You can actually skip the text altogether if you want. I can see myself sharing this book with my three-year-old son, my husband, or a group of teenagers.

Why I finished it: I liked the idea of finding hearts in everyday life. On our 2012 family vacation in California, I found two heart shaped rocks on the beach in Oceanside and someone had made a heart using rocks on the sidewalk outside our condo. (It stayed there undisturbed the entire week of our vacation!) While the book might seem like it is too easy or a silly concept, I think it can lend itself to fun lessons for any age group (color, photography, poetry, found objects, nature) and who doesn't need a reminder of the beauty and magnificence in God's creations.

I'd give it to: Absolutely anyone at any age. I can see this book being used as a picture book; for exploring concepts (shapes, colors for younger ones and looking at nature and photography angles for older ages); in writer's group as prompts (what left the stain, who chewed the hole in the leaf, etc), as a summer reading program in photography, art, etc; booktalking non-fiction and pair with fun animal books like "Monkey Portraits" or the cat/dog picture/poetry kind.

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## Carol says

See a Heart, Share a Heart is a cute collection of found hearts throughout the world. These hearts found and captured in a photograph are mostly observed in nature and are accidental in creation. This is a great way to remind people of all ages to be more observant of their surroundings and they might be surprised by what they find. This would pair well with Alphabet Everywhere by Elliot Kaufman and If Rocks Could Sing: A Discovered Alphabet by Leslie McGuirk.

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## Karen says

I would like to explore Telchin's website after reading this book, which is less a "story" and more an encouragement for children and adults to look closely at their world to see patterns -- a worthy endeavor.

Since I'm always hunting for stones that look like hearts, this was right up my alley. My favorite of Telchin's finds-- the folded leaf shadow forming a black heart within a curled green leaf.

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### **Jane says**

I received *See a Heart, Share a Heart* from a friend. It is a beautiful book with pictures taken in nature of hearts. I shared it with my preschool class and that day on the playground all of the class was looking for heart shapes on the playground. They were so excited with all the hearts that they found and I took pictures of each one for them, so we can write about each one for their parents. I love books that I can use to encourage creative writing and use to increase cognitive knowledge in nature.

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### **Jodie says**

I liked this book. Very simple to read, but what I liked most were the pictures. Eric Telchin has taken pictures of hearts that are found everywhere around us. There are cool pictures of leaves, insects, cracks in the tar, shadows, and other unique formations of hearts. Can be used in many different ways.

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### **Mary says**

Reminded of the saying, 'stop and smell the roses', *See a Heart Share a Heart*, is a beautiful comparison to this sentiment.

Each page has captured a heart that is found in a folded leaf, paint drips, a butterfly's shadow, and a shell on a beach, just to name several.

Captions attached to each heart are thought provoking and the illustrations are striking.

Eric Telchin's message throughout his inspirational book is: Hearts bring love.

Readers will enjoy taking a moment to stop and *See a Heart Share a Heart*.

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### **Pamela says**

I think I am in a cranky mood right now, which is perhaps why the first things that came to my mind after I finished *See A Heart, Share A Heart* were "navel gazing" and "emo deep thoughts." This is a book of pictures of various things that vaguely look like hearts (emphasis on the "vaguely"). Congratulations! You saw a heart! It's like taking pictures of clouds, describing what they look like, and then turning it into a Hallmark Store book about living your dreams and using your imagination. You know, the books that you got when you graduated from college when you really just needed some cash.

I suppose the underlying message of the book is a positive one, to be loving and to find love and wonder in

the world around us, but I know there is a less pretentious way of teaching kids that.

The pictures of the "hearts" (quotation marks intentional) are ... not even that great. They felt somehow muted and dull. I'm coming off of the magnificent photography in *Step Gently Out*, however, so that may be influencing me as well.

I know, I know, you're all thinking, "That was way harsh, Tai." Well, that's my story and I'm sticking to it. I'll go back to my nonfiction book about a serial killer in Paris now.

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### **Lisa Lambert says**

Although this is a children's book, the message was very profound. I used this book as part of a gift and way to ask my girlfriends to be my bridesmaids in my upcoming wedding.

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### **Brigid says**

I heart this book! It is so wonderful, the author Eric Telchin came to speak to my students and they LOVED it. Not a week goes by without one of my students showing me a heart they found! This book is a great gift for all ages.

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### **Jenn says**

I liked the idea of finding hearts in everyday life. I found two heart shaped rocks on the beach in Oceanside and someone had made a heart using rocks on the sidewalk outside our condo.

While the book might seem like it is easy or silly, I think it can lend itself to fun lessons for any age group (color, photography, poetry, found objects, nature) and who doesn't need a reminder of the beauty and magnificence in God's creation.

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### **Alla says**

Wonderful collection of photographs. Eric Telchin is able to find a heart in any place. I found it calming and peaceful to look through the pages of the book. The colors are warm and rich. And there is plenty of room for personal reflections. This book is sure to capture a heart. I received the book for free through Goodreads First Reads.

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### **Alice says**

beautiful and positive

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## **Ruby Black says**

The blurb on the dust jacket explicitly states that the author's message is "Hearts bring love." Being as hearts are universally known to represent love, it doesn't make the message unique or innovative. However, it does serve as a simple reminder of something that humanity might have forgotten in its quest for power, domination, wealth, war, etc; a message that was discarded in our drive to fulfill our own selfish goals.

The photographic images are vivid and colorful matching the content. However, the pictures start to lose their impact towards the end of the book. The stark images used for "see a heart" and "change a heart" were not a favorite. Also, the layout of the images could have been better; some of the images were distorted because they appeared between the binding of the book making it hard to see the photograph. The key to appealing to young child's interest is bright and clear pictures.

Simple sentences and vivid images make this an easy read for children. But more importantly, it helps the younger generations to understand that love is complex in its different facets. In the presentation of diverse hearts, the author's message transforms itself. One obvious edict is that hearts come in all shapes, colors, sizes, and from different situations just as people do. This celebration of the natural state is invigorating for future generations to understand that while we are all human, we are also unique in every way.

We should celebrate our unity as well as our differences. Perhaps, the older generations can take a simple lesson like this and help change the fate of humanity by remembering tolerance, patience, peace, and, most importantly, love.

*Note: I have received this book for free through Goodreads First Reads.*

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## **Margaret says**

I \*HEART\* this book and can't wait to share this with someone else to \*HEART\* and then we can go find our own heart images to share.

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## **Kristine Hall says**

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, I am saying this book is great for ALL ages, despite the publisher's recommendation of ages 4-7. This book reminds us that love is EVERYWHERE, if we just take the time to look for it and notice it.

What a feast for the eyes! The bright colors of nature are what carry the photos, and I think there was exactly one of the hundred pictures that I thought was a stretch for looking like a heart (dripping paint pic). ADORE the cover, which is the only staged heart of the book.

Though I didn't sit with a child while reading this, I feel like there's something for all ages. Youngest kids can simply marvel at the colors or play "I Spy" by pointing out the shapes. Older kids can try and identify

what is making the heart shape -- a leaf? string? a shadow? I think the springboard possibilities are endless. The text is minimal and simple, so the reluctant reader will enjoy it as well.

Win-Win-Win.

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