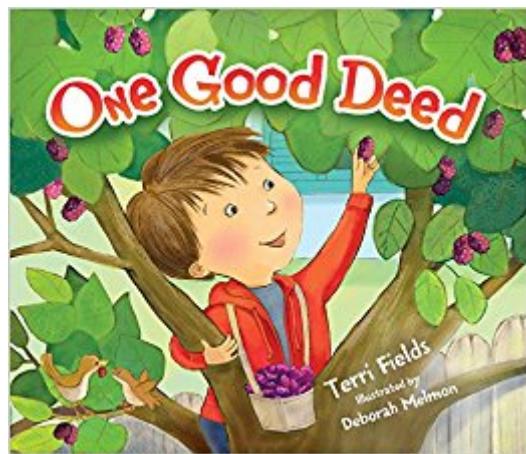


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One Good Deed



Synopsis

In this version of 'paying it forward,' one good deed leads to another as people in a multicultural neighborhood, including a Jewish family, change the life of the community.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2  •One good deed deserves another and another and another as a neighborhood comes together in a string of thoughtfulness that begins when Jake shares mulberries with his neighbor. She in turn shares a pie, which leads to raked lawns, fixed computers, and more and more acts of kindness that brighten the street and bring people together. The concept and importance of the mitzvah is shown, not told, in this well-written and nicely illustrated book. Neighbors pay it forward, one to the next, with a thought and an action. Because the term mitzvah is used only at the very end, this story could be used by religious educators of other faiths to demonstrate the power of kindness. VERDICT A recommended purchase for Judaic collections and others.  •Martha Link Yesowitch, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, NC --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Terri Fields is the author of more than a dozen books, including middle-grade novels such as

"Holdup" and "After the Death of Anna Gonzales". She is also an educator, and was named--among other honors--Arizona's Teacher of the Year and selected to the All-USA Teacher Team. She lives in Phoenix, Arizona. Deborah Melmon has worked as an illustrator for over 25 years. After graduating from Academy of Art University in San Francisco, she started her career illustrating covers for the Palo Alto Weekly newspaper. Since then, she has produced artwork for over twenty children's books. Her artwork can also be found on giftwrap, greeting cards, and fabric. Deborah lives in Menlo Park, California, and shares her studio with an energetic Airedale Terrier named Mack. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

One Good Deed is based on the Jewish concept of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) by performing acts of kindness. It recalls a story of a young boy who lives in a street where everything is "dark and gloomy" and the neighbours "don't smile at each other...or talk to each other... or help each other". One day the young boy has an idea to help his neighbour and that sparks the neighbour's will to help her neighbour and so on. The illustrations are colourful, detailed and engaging for little eyes. Even the little birds in the background are helpful (or not) to each other throughout the book. The people in the book are all racially diverse, which is not often seen in many children's books. I like this story. It demonstrates how doing one thoughtful act of kindness can spur others to do likewise. It is an important lesson for children to learn and this book illustrates it in an easy to understand manner. They will be encouraged and motivated to help out and do a good deed! However, the two things that are disappointing about this book (which may not disappoint other parents): a) G-d is not mentioned once; b) the word "mitzvah" is translated as a "good deed" in the story (although, at the end of the book in the notes, the author correctly states that a "mitzvah" is actually a commandment from G-d, not just a good deed). I am concerned with the book being a paperback that my son's enthusiastic hands will tear the book and if it becomes available in another format, I'd probably buy it. Overall, a highly enjoyable book, with engaging illustrations and a worthwhile story line with a valuable lesson in kindness to others! Highly recommended! Thank you.

Wonderful ideas presented here for children. Highly recommend. Engaging illustrations as well.

Such a great message. My 4 year old loves the story.

Such a cute book with a very important lesson!

Love this book!

I really LOVE this book. My family is spiritual but not religious and we love books. Especially books that have a good message and cute pictures. My daughters are 18 months and 30 months and I can see that this book will be with us for a long time. I am always looking for more books like this!

Very good story

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