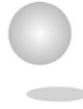


Reviews for:

The Cat Who Chose to Dream

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"Dr. Loriene Honda artfully presents a little-known dark chapter in American history—the World War II Japanese-American internment. Jimmy Mirikitani's hauntingly beautiful drawings live on through an uplifting story of triumph over tragedy and freedom over fear, leaving readers hearts, young and old, filled with the universality of hope. As the daughter of Manzanar internees, I sincerely thank her for sharing Jimmy the Cat's story."

–**Mariko Yamada**

California Assembly, Fourth District

Dr. Honda's book proves that cats really do have nine lives. Bringing to life Jimmy Mirikitani's childhood in the WWII prison camps for Japanese Americans through his remarkable paintings is an amazing convergence of history, healing and hope. Children will not only delight in the colorful images, but will easily identify with Jimmy, the loveable and loving cat, while being irresistibly drawn to mindful breathing and ultimately, healing from their own trauma. A valuable tool for parents, teachers and therapists.

–**Satsuki Ina, Ph.D.**

Emmy award-winning filmmaker and Psychologist

"Jimmy was a brilliant star in the universe who I had the privilege of knowing...his work is now preserved in many ways and places. This book is yet another moment I get to spend with Jimmy. I will cherish this book."

–**John Patrick**

Designer

"...a beautiful and sensitive book...illustrates the power of the mind to find hope in the midst of trauma and loss—and how the protective capacity of the imagination can foster resilience. With simple narrative and evocative images, the reader is engaged on multiple levels—emotional, cognitive and visceral. ...a valuable resource for any parent, teacher or therapist to help provoke thought and discussion with children about traumatic loss in a gentle and nurturing way."

–**Bruce D. Perry, M.D., Ph.D.**

Internationally-recognized child trauma consultant and expert witness on high-profile incidents, including the Columbine High School massacre, Oklahoma City bombing, Waco siege, and YFZ Ranch custody cases.

"...deeply moving and immediately useful...shows how traumatic events can be managed by maintaining a focus on things that can be controlled: our refusal to be captured fully, the freedom of our hearts and minds, and the value of our own reparative mechanisms that allow us to break our isolation, and touch others with our voices, our images, and our words of hope..."

–**Eliana Gil, Ph.D.**

Renowned lecturer, author and clinician

"...creatively helps children to understand injustice, resilience, and adaptation. By weaving the story of a cat who accompanies a Japanese-American family in the World War II internment camps, Loriene Honda successfully helps to promote emotional insight, optimism, and adaptation strategies in children."

–**Stanley Sue, Ph.D.**

Professor and Director, Center for Excellence in Diversity, Palo Alto University

"...a delightful, creative and instructive book...This book will have huge educative value both at home and school settings...(it is) important that the lessons from these events continue to be presented. "

–**Chester M. Pierce, M.D.**

Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry and Education at Harvard University