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All across the world, people are knitting for peace. They call the work they do charity knitting. This work tells the stories of 28 knitting-for-peace endeavours, with smaller, more anecdotal stories shared in corresponding sidebars. It also offers practical, hands-on information, including 15 patterns for easy-to-knit charity projects.

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Theresa says

I like the patterns in this book, it's what got me started on Mother Bear knitting/crocheting. The stories are fascinating as well. My one problem with the book is that some of the choices in the book design do not make sense. Page backgrounds of pastel colors with white lettering make it hard to read in anything but the best light. Other than that, I like this book.

Knitology says

Knitting for Peace is an exceptional book that celebrates the long heritage of knitting for others. It tells the stories of 28 contemporary knitting-for-peace endeavors, and features patterns for easy-to-knit charity projects such as hats, socks, blankets, and bears, plus a messenger bag emblazoned with the Knitting for Peace logo. Enlivened by anecdotal sidebars and quotations from both knitters and peacemakers, this inspiring book also includes everything readers need to know to start their own knitting-for-peace groups.

Donna Hutt Stapfer Bell says

Like to knit? Want a reason to knit more?

What to make, for who and where - including clear instructions and photographs of the finished projects. Not hard, not intimidating.

atla says

I've looked through this book quite a few times at bookstores, but never wanted to shell out the cash for it. So when I found it at the library, I finally picked it up and read it. It's a good read for someone who wants to knit or crochet (though it only has patterns for knitting) for a charitable cause, but isn't sure which organization best suits their abilities and desires. I found two groups that really tugged at me. The Mother Bear Project, which is "is dedicated to providing comfort and hope to children affected by HIV/AIDS in emerging nations." The book made it seem like they only accepted knitted bears, but apparently the crochet pattern is available on their website for a \$5 donation. Secondly, Project Linus, which makes it their mission to "provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer 'blanketeers.'" I'm really excited that there is a chapter local to me, with blankets donated to the local hospital and other facilities. Why is it, I wonder, that I leaned more towards the charities that provide comfort, rather than warmth?

Number of times I cried during this book: Like 15.

Becky says

Reading this book gave me the idea to knit something for everyone on my holiday list and donate it in their name to an appropriate charity. Just reading it makes you feel good about yourself.

Arielle Walker says

Some really good things in here but I simply cannot get excited about anything supporting war, and despite the title I felt that there was a little too much American patriotism going on for me to fully enjoy reading. Still, some fantastic ideas and causes.

Nat says

A very inspiring read. I have always been interested in "crafting for a cause" and this book is full of ideas and resources for finding ways to help others through knitting.

Shari Blakey says

Inspirational and provides a variety of charities to donate whatever you want to knit.

pathic says

This book has a lot of good basic knitting patterns: baby blankets, hats, teddy bears, etc. I enjoyed the stories behind some of the charities I've read about in various knitting magazines. If you find yourself wanting to knit, but needing a recipient, this book fits the bill.

Linda Caldwell says

Made me want to k1 p1 for the world.....

Becky Klein says

What an inspiring book. After reading it I wanted to contact every knitter I knew to start a charity project. The book gives you the background of the various knitting charities in the US, including stories of people who have benefited from the work. There are lots of projects too and all of them are simple, meaning a new

knitter could take them on.

Shelba says

Compiled by a social worker, the patterns are from various charity organizations and have been well tested. You can add intarsia if you want a picture, or find a yarn of similar guage that is incredible to liven up something that is plain. The bottome line: These patterns work. You will also be inspired by the many different groups doing good for others.

Dana says

This book is truly inspiring and very touching. The author tells the history of wartime knitting and showcases 28 charitable knitting organizations. Some groups donate knitted items to others, like blankets, and hats for babies in hospitals, hats and blankets for poor people who live in cold areas, stuffed animals for children, and shawls and blankets to go to people in old folks homes, homeless shelters and other places. Other groups are those that make and sell their knitted items bringing much needed income to women in poor or war-torn countries. There is even a prison knitting program mentioned in which prisoners knit items to give to charities thus helping them to help others. The book includes links to each group and knitting patterns for some of the items that some groups accept as donations. I was very inspired and it made me wish that I was a better knitter. I received this book free to review from Netgalley.

Jeanne says

Very interesting. Lots of ideas for where to donated knitted items. Also includes a history of knitting for the troops dating back to the Revolutionary War and still on going. If you love to knit, and you and your family have enough scarves and afghans, consider knitting for peace. Donations can be made for troops, nurseries, cancer wards, nursing homes and the homeless.

Rhiannon M Bacon says

This book serves the double purpose of action and information. If you are looking to do some knitting work for a charity this book will give you a variety of options to choose which suits your need. This book supplies you with patterns and instructions for knitted donations as well as hooking you up with a website and contact information. It's also just a great read if you are looking for an uplifting look at how people are helping others through knitting, now and in the past.

There is always the danger of being outdated quickly in print form (since charities come and go), but I just went through all the charities listed, looking to "like" them on Facebook. While not every charity had a Facebook Page, I was only able to find one charity from the book that didn't look like it was operating any more -- and I certainly don't regret reading the touching tale.

While I'm sure people who don't knit will not find this book as fascinating as I did, I would recommended it

to any knitter (and most of the charities have crochet options, too).
