

## **TROUBLED TIMES**

The 11th Commandment: Wisdom from our Children. The publishers of this book asked children around the country a simple question: "If there were an Eleventh Commandment, what would it be?" The responses poured in from children from the suburbs and the inner city, from churches and synagogues. Collected here are many of the responses divided into sections on living with other people, living with the earth, living with family, living with ourselves and living with God. j 170.44 E

Angelou, M. Life Doesn't Frighten Me. With lines of verse that shout exuberantly from each page, a young voice rails against any and all things that mean to do her harm. Whether they are "Shadows on the wall/ Noises down the hall" or even "Mean old Mother Goose/Lions on the loose"-to one and all she responds- "they don't frighten me at all." Despite the scary things around her, the poet's determined courage remains. j PAR PIC Angelou

Bunting, E. Gleam and Glow. After his home is destroyed by war, eight-year-old Viktor finds hope in the survival of two very special fish. j PAR PIC Bunting

Bunting, E. My Red Balloon. A young boy waits with both excitement and apprehension for his father to disembark from the aircraft carrier returning to port after many months at sea. j PAR PIC Bunting

Bunting, E. Smoky Night. During a night of rioting in Los Angeles, fires and looting force neighbors--who have always avoided one another--to come together. j PAR PIC Bunting

A Children's Chorus: Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. Presents the fundamental principles of the United Nations Declaration of the rights of the child, accompanied by drawings by Helme Heine, Tony Ross, Paul O. Zelinsky, and other artists. j 305.23 C

Cohn, J. "Why Did It Happen?": Helping Young Children Cope in a Violent World. Daniel's friend owns the neighborhood grocery store. When Mr. James is injured during a robbery at his store, the six-year-old child must deal with fear and anger. Helped by his parents, teacher, classmates, and Mr. James himself, Daniel learns how to cope with his feelings. An introduction aimed at parents explains how they can help their children understand the existence of violence and develop compassion and empathy in spite of it. j PAR PIC Cohn

Fox, M. Whoever You Are. Every day all over the world, children are laughing and crying, playing and learning, eating and sleeping. They may not look the same or speak the same language. Their lives may be quite different. But inside, they are alike. Stirring words and bold paintings weave their way around our earth, across cultures and generations. At a time when tolerance still needs to be learned, *Whoever You Are* urges

us to accept our differences, to recognize our similarities, and--most important--to rejoice in both. j PAR PIC Fox

Hardin, M. Hero Dad. A child demonstrates that while Dad differs from a traditional superhero, as an American soldier he is a superhero of a different kind. jP Hardin

Patel, A. On That Day: A Book of Hope for Children. The book's simple but hopeful message suggests that even though bad things happen in the world, individual people always have a choice to do good things too. Vibrant illustrations accompany the book's powerful message, which appeals equally to children and to all those adults trying to cope with the tragedy. j PAR PIC Patel

Rumford, J. Silent Music: A Story of Baghdad. As bombs and missiles fall on Baghdad in 2003, a young boy uses the art of calligraphy to distance himself from the horror of war. jP Rumford

Wyeth, S. Something Beautiful. A little girl longs to see beyond the scary sights on the sidewalk and the angry scribbling in the halls of her building. When her teacher writes the word *beautiful* on the blackboard, the girl decides to look for something beautiful in her neighborhood. Her search for "something beautiful" leaves her feeling much happier. j PAR PIC Wyeth

Zalben, J. Let There Be Light: Poems and Prayers for Repairing the World. Zalben offers a distinctive collection of short, inspirational writings gathered from many cultures and religious traditions. Selections include passages from the Bible, the Qur'an, and the writings of Lao-Tzu, the Buddha, Native American peoples, St. Francis of Assisi, the Shona of Zimbabwe, the Dalai Lama, and Mahatma Gandhi. The positive message of this anthology of poems, quotations, and prayers, with thoughtful selections and creative illustrations, shines through like the sun that warms the world's children on the jacket illustration. j 242.2 Let