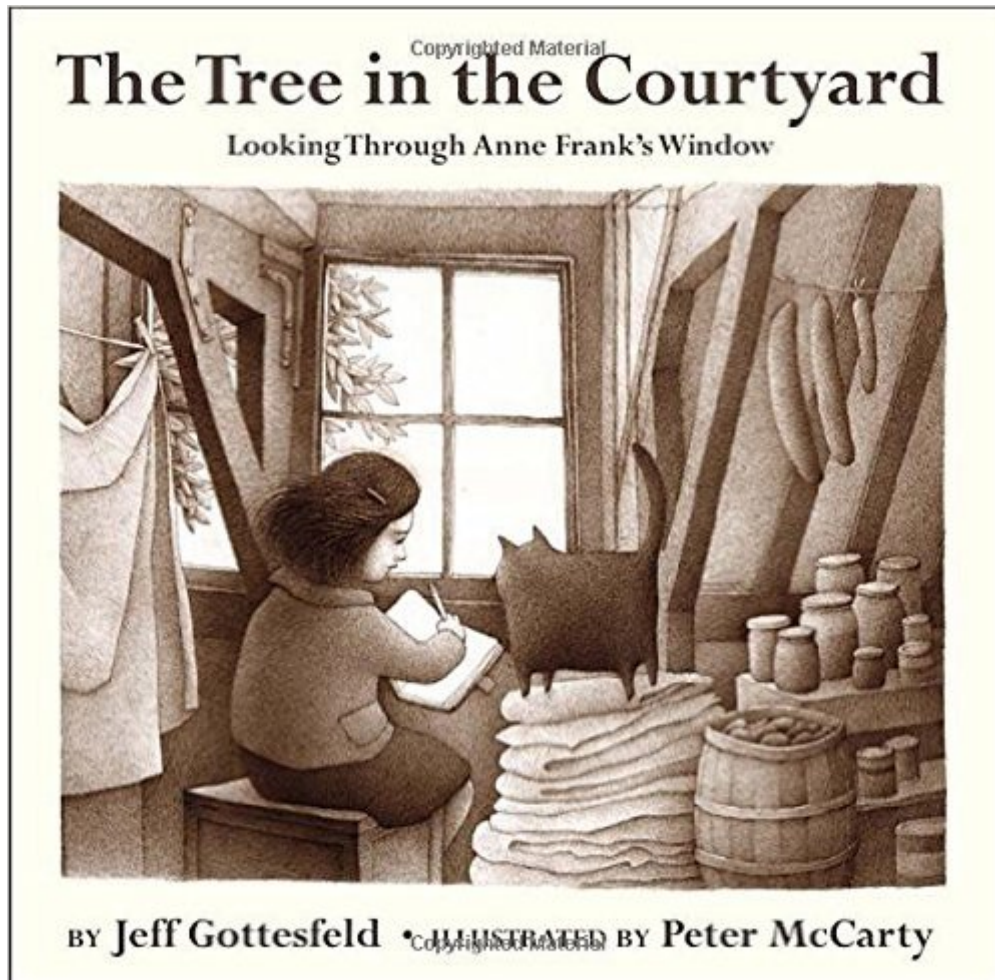


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# The Tree In The Courtyard: Looking Through Anne Frank's Window



## Synopsis

Told from the perspective of the tree outside Anne Frank's window and illustrated by a Caldecott Honor artist this book introduces her story in a gentle and incredibly powerful way to a young audience. The tree in the courtyard was a horse chestnut. Her leaves were green stars; her flowers foaming cones of white and pink. Seagulls flocked to her shade. She spread roots and reached skyward in peace. The tree watched a little girl, who played and laughed and wrote in a diary. When strangers invaded the city and warplanes roared overhead, the tree watched the girl peek out of the curtained window of the annex. It watched as she and her family were taken away and when her father returned after the war, alone. The tree died the summer Anne Frank would have turned eighty-one, but its seeds and saplings have been planted around the world as a symbol of peace. Its story, and Anne's story, are beautifully told and illustrated in this powerful picture book.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This is a glorious book, perfectly done. It tells of a horrifying time in history with grace and compassion and clarity and brings to light an element of the Anne Frank story I had never heard before. The author's note alone is moving and fascinating. This book stands alone well but also would tie in to Holocaust curriculum for any age.

The Tree in the Courtyard â “ Looking Through Anne Frankâ™s Window â “ written by Jeff Gottesfeld and illustrated by Peter McCarty - is a glorious book! And I, Carolyn Dee Flores, feel very proud to have been there since the bookâ™s inception. Four years ago, early Fall, my friend Jeff Gottesfeld called and read to me almost this exact text over the phone. The tree had just died, he said, and he asked me if I would be willing to put together an illustration to go along with the picture book manuscript for presentation. I said â œOf course. I love this.â • And I worked painstakingly on the painting, knowing how important this book would become, even then. Eventually, Caldecott honor artist Peter McCarty was chosen to illustrate the book. It had taken almost four years to come to fruition. But nothing could have prepared me for the moment when I actually held the book in my hands. It is a treasure! You have to feel it in your hands to truly understand. The cover, with its raised gold lettering, reminiscent of gold-leaf, is only the beginning. There has never been a tree drawn with as much classic power â “ as Peter McCartyâ™s tree in The Tree in the Courtyard. Jeffâ™s words will haunt you - about the friendship between a young girl and a tree, in the midst of one of the most horrific tragedies the world has ever known. This book is what picture books were meant to be!

This book is beautiful! It is everything I love about picture books. Simple--yet so profound. It will scrape your soul! Jeff, took a very challenging subject and crafted it in a remarkable way. Every child can relate to this story AND so can every adult. I believe this will be an award winning book and one that survives the ages.

What an emotional roller coaster. Within the space of a few pages, I was devastated, amazed, crushed, and uplifted. Jeff Gottesfeld has done an incredible job telling a story that would seem nearly impossible to tell, especially to a target audience of young people. Behind the tragedy we are so familiar with lies a tale of the human spirit and miracles. The prose is deft, and nearly perfect as it weaves between tree and person. This review is a bit garbled. I just read the book, and I'm still somewhat in its thrall. I'm sure my thoughts will be clearer in a while, but I couldn't wait to praise it.

A beautifully-written gentle approach to the well-known Anne Frank story, and a good starter on the subject of The Holocaust. A must-read and must-have for your youngsters' book shelf. Tonally, delicate and elegaic, in both words and images. The illustrations are lovely. Also, I think the addition of the short essay at the end of the book can assist parents in a beginning conversation. There's

enough info to allow you to answer questions and interpret the story of this special witness, if you so wish. Nice touch.

This is amazingly similar to a book by Sandy Sasso called Anne Frank and the Remembering Tree published a year ago. I've read it to my grandchildren many times and it is one of their favorites. Also beautifully illustrated and written sensitively for a young audience.

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