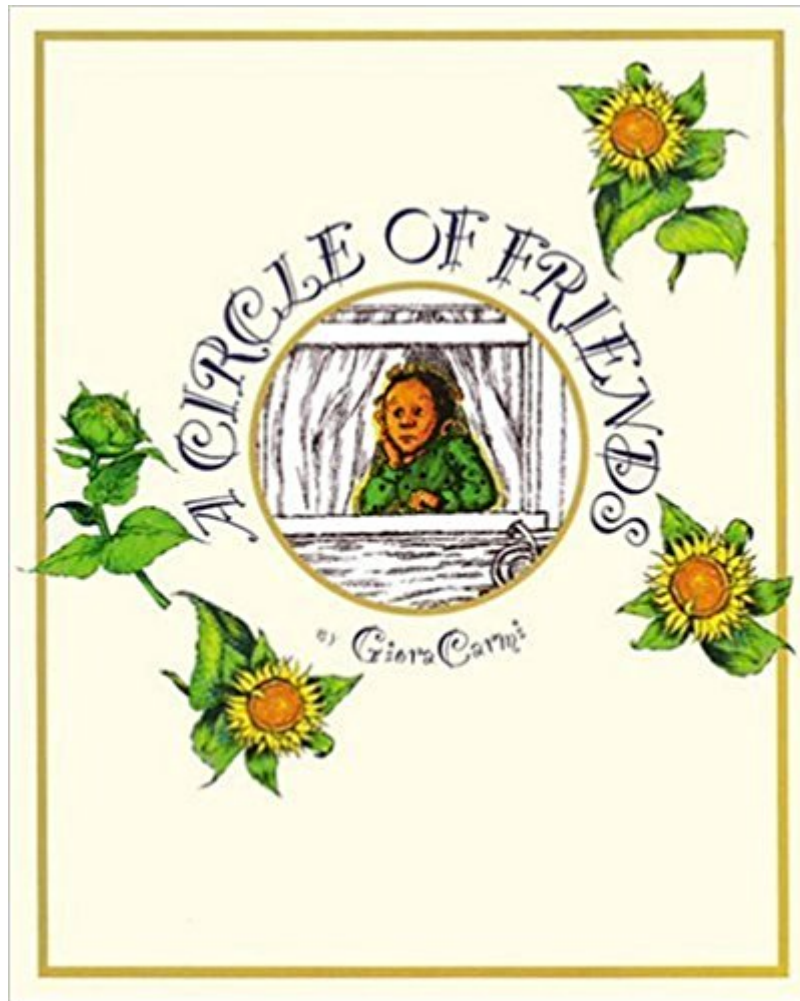




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# A Circle Of Friends



## Synopsis

In this wordless story, a boy anonymously shares his snack with a homeless man, and inspires a cycle of good will. IBBY 2007 Outstanding Books Catalog & Exhibition Teaching Tools Available

## Book Information

Paperback: 40 pages

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 2-In this wordless story about a circle of kindness, a boy leaves the lion's share of his fresh muffin with a homeless man sleeping on a park bench. When the man wakes, he shares crumbs with two birds that feed them to a fledgling. Later, the young bird flies down from its nest, picks up a seed that the man offers from his palm, and deposits it in the window box of the boy who is later blessed with an enormous sunflower. Carmi sparingly accessorizes the line drawings with color, using gold, scarlet, or green to highlight an element on each page that will carry the kindness forward. This simple tale in the spirit of Sarah Marwil Lamstein's *I Like Your Buttons* (Albert Whitman, 1999) and Cindy McKinley's *One Smile* (Illumination Arts, 2002) makes its point without being didactic or overly sentimental. Gay Lynn Van Vleck, Henrico County Library, Glen Allen, VA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

A truly rapturous and inspiring picture book. --Midwest Book Review

This wordless book tells such a touching story. My students love "reading" the pictures and trying to tell what is happening. This book is a great addition to the classroom not only because it teaches the students to look carefully at the pictures to reveal the plot, but also because it encourages students to verbalize what they are thinking with their peers. I'm always looking for texts that encourage the students to talk to each other and this definitely helps!

I ordered this book to read to my grand children from oldest 14 to youngest 3 1/2 girl! It's easy and short so not a problem to create situations when thinking about others who may have less and be able to imagine a time when one wants to overcome the desire to run away or steer clear. But compassion and a god sense of stranger danger are important. Good book! I don't know exactly what I m poking for BUT I will recognize it when I see it!Thank you Susan Kobayashi (2016)

"A Circle of Friends" by Giora Carmi is a very special and precious book. The stunning illustrations tell a story that reminds me a little bit of the message behind the movie "Pay It Forward". It shows how karma travels..... "what goes around, comes around". One good deed leads others to do good deeds in a chain reaction.Because the book consists of only illustrations, and no words, each "viewer" is free to interpret and provide their own words. It is universal.I can hardly say enough that is great about this beautiful book except that I highly recommend it to you.

The use of wordless picture books allows for independent and critical thinking. This wonderful wordless picture book set on the premise of a young child sharing a snack with a homeless person allows the viewer of the book to create their own story lines. Utilizing this type of text is great for the classroom and will give students opportunities to tap into creative thinking and writing.

I love this series of books. I purchased them for my 4 year old grandson but found that my 3 year old granddaughter was totally taken in by the idea that she could read too. What a great tool to get your children wanting to learn how to read!

This is an absolutely amazing story. My daughter and I enjoy reading this on a nightly basis. Great story, great service.

I love using this book in my classroom to help students visualize and make meaningful connections to the characters in the text. It is also great for looking for the 'big idea' for the overall story. I love the illustrations, and the way the focus is highlighted in color, while the rest of the details are left un-colored.

This is a fabulous story of sharing. There are no words, but the storyline is well-communicated through the pictures. I don't like the illustrations and wish that part would be re-done to support the storyline with more pleasing illustrations.

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