



I Can Make My World a Safer Place

A Kid's Book About Stopping Violence

By **Paul Kivel**

WITH SIMPLE TEXT, EYE-CATCHING DRAWINGS AND READER activities, *I Can Make My World a Safer Place* engages young readers in thinking about how to promote peace at home, in the neighborhood, and in the world. Topics include:

- Teasing and bullies
- Fights, gangs and weapons
- Personal safety from physical, emotional and sexual abuse
- Public safety in the community
- Anger, drugs and suicide
- Toys and violence in the media
- Getting involved in making the peace

The author underscores the difference between public danger--such as gangs, or drug-related violence--and private danger, including child sexual assault and domestic violence.

The book also provides thoughtful activities related to weapons, violent toys and video games and violence in the media. Each section encourages young people not only to stay safe, but also to become involved in efforts to increase community safety. Kids learn while they follow the well-designed activities, filling out crosswords, tracing mazes, and doing word searches.

I Can Make My World a Safer Place is written for children ages 6 through 12. Parents, teachers, counselors, childcare workers, and after-school program staff will find the



information and activities provided useful in helping students understand and deal with violence in their own lives and in the lives of their family, friends or community

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Paul Kivel has been a leader in the field of violence prevention for more than 25 years, and is the co-author of *Making the Peace*, *Days of Respect*, and *Helping Teens Stop Violence*, *Uprooting Racism* and *Boys Will Be Men*.

“A book for children, full of illustrations, short exercises, and bite-sized information for kids who face bullying, anger, fights, gang activity, or similar troubles. It encourages readers to understand their options, to ask for help, and to think about their reactions. If you’re a parent trying to help your child cope with these difficult situations, this book is a good tool, helping you work together toward responses and solutions that work.”

-- Patty Wipfler, Director
The Parental Leadership Institute

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Four People Who Used Their Anger in a Good Way



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was angry because black people were being treated unfairly. He was a minister who led people in the United States to strike, boycott, and march together so that laws that were unfair to African Americans would be changed.



Julia Butterfly Hill was angry because logging companies were cutting down ancient redwood trees. Julia lived in an old redwood tree for two years to protect it from being cut down. Only when the logging company said it would not cut down her tree and would protect the area around it did she agree to come down.

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