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"Beauty will always find a way to rise from violence, but this is a reminder all readers need." --*Kirkus Reviews*, STARRED REVIEW

"Text and illustrations work together to remind readers of the power of beauty in the face of human suffering.... A highly recommended book that highlights the capacity for empathy and humanity, even in a society faced with violence and war." --*School Library Journal*, STARRED REVIEW

"[A] powerful story of a musical performance that defied the horror of combat." --*Publishers Weekly*

About the Author

John McCutcheon is an accomplished instrumentalist, singer, and songwriter. He has received multiple Grammy nominations and numerous other awards.

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