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In Grandpa's Hands

Time shared between grandparents and their grandchildren are moments to cherish. These are the times when hope and promise are present. To honor not only *her* father (a much-loved father, grandfather and

great-grandfather) but to honor all Grandpas, Dr. Marlena E. Uhrik offers **In Grandpa's Hands: A Child's Celebration of Family** (White Stag Press, www.PublishersDesign.com.). This stunning book calls forth the special bond that occurs between the generations as they reach out to teach — and touch each other's spirit.

In Grandpa's
hands there is...
a ball.



Drawings by Barbara Cervone from **In Grandpa's Hands** © 6/08

In her author's note Uhrik writes, "[Grandpas] are the keeper of the family, the strength, the history, and wisdom of generations....Grandpas teach us the things we need to know for everyday life and help carry us into our future."

Featuring 12 simple-yet-poignant full-page pencil drawings by Barbara Cervone, accompanied by a simple statement on the facing page, the book immediately calls to mind special moments with one's own grandparents.

As a prominent children's advocate who has received national and international recognition, Uhrik also hopes **In Grandpa's Hands** will promote communication and the emotional connectedness that comes from a nurturing relationship of fundamental importance. **In Grandpa's Hands** celebrates the relationship between Grandpas and their grandchildren. Beautifully illustrated, this book is a work of art that communicates the reassurance of a caring relationship, a sense of well-being, and a sense of future.

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A sampling of the accolades being expressed by education, political and medical leaders, as well as children's and senior advocates

*"Simple, warm, and powerful. **In Grandpa's Hands** sticks with you like the warmth of a grandparent's hug, the innocence of a child's heart, and the love of a parent."*

~ Michael Rhodes, 5-time Emmy winner and Oscar winner, producer of The Spirit of America

*"A welcome addition for families in helping to bridge multi-generational gaps. A pleasure to look at, **In Grandpa's Hands** present a personal and intimate journey for child and grandparent."*

~ Louise E. Glaser, M.D. Pediatrician
Fellow American Academy of Pediatrics (FAAP)

"A unique teaching tool that not only helps children learn how to read, but serves to strengthen their bond with family members. It is a timeless work that will be a great addition to a child's book collection."

~ Mary Hayashi, CA State Assemblymember

"A wonderful instrument to gently, yet powerfully inspire children to think about family."

~ Chris Hoover, Sacramento County
Teacher of the Year, 2004

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In Grandpa's
hands there is...
a hat.



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Meet the Author

Dr. Marlena Uhrik's professional career has spanned the educational, public, and community service landscapes with over forty prolific years of dedication and leadership. Throughout her educational career, she has taught aspiring teachers around the world and has received numerous local and national awards for improving the quality of life for children

and families. She has been recognized by numerous civic, community, family, and governmental groups for her accomplishments, including in the US Congressional Record for her outstanding contribution to her community. She is currently a consultant for the California Department of Education.

She is the author of *A Guidebook for Family Day Care Providers* (McGraw-Hill, 1998), *The ABC's of Home Improvement*, and **In Grandpa's Hands: A Child's Celebration of Family**. Dr. Uhrik lives in Sacramento, California with her husband and has two grown children and three grandchildren.

Meet the Illustrator

Barbara Cervone has been creating paintings for public and private collections for over 20 years. She studied art at Napa College and participates in art charity functions in Northern California. She and her three daughters were born and raised in the beautiful Napa Valley, where she finds much of her inspiration for watercolor and oil landscape paintings. She is blessed with nine grandchildren.

To request a review copy of any of **In Grandpa's Hands**, to arrange an interview with Dr. Uhrik, to receive art electronically, or for any additional information, please contact Kate Bandos at KSB Promotions: **800-304-3269** or 616-676-0758 • kate@ksbpromotions.com

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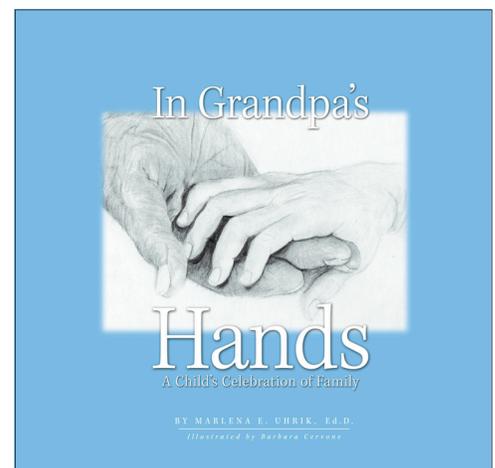
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