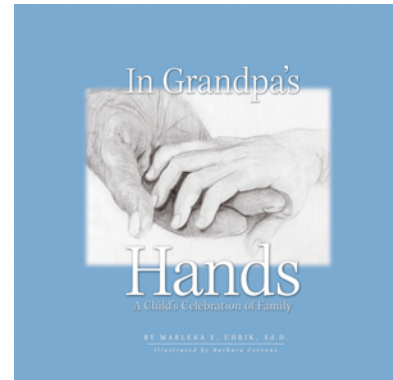


In Grandpa's Hands: A Child's Celebration of Family
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- Winner in "Best You Can Be Foundation" Awards •



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Dr. Marlena E. Uhrik Wins Three National Book Awards For *In Grandpa's Hands*

(Roseville, CA) Publishers Design Group, Inc., (PDG) is the recipient of the coveted [Mom's Choice Award](#) (MCA) for the second year in a row. *In Grandpa's Hands: A Child's Celebration of Family* by Marlena E. Uhrik, Ed.D., took the gold award. An esteemed panel of judges included Patricia Rossi (NBC's *Manners Minute*), Dr. Twila C. Liggett, (Founder of PBS's *Reading Rainbow*), Julie Aigner-Clark (*Baby Einstein* and The Safe Side Project) and Dr. Letitia S. Wright, D.C. (The *Wright Place*™ TV Show).

In Grandpa's Hands also took Finalist in the [ForeWord Magazine](#) Book of the Year Awards. *Foreword* is the publishing industry's preeminent, literary review magazine. Awards are held at the annual Book Expo America (BEA) each June in New York City. The panel of judges included bookstore merchandisers, journalists, publishing professionals, librarians, reviewers, and educators.

Capping the awards was [The Best You Can Be Foundation](#) recognizing Dr. Marlena Uhrik's publishing effort by awarding her the Gold Award for *In Grandpa's Hands*. The foundation brings parents, counselors, and teachers resources, inspirational products, and online courses to create peaceful, loving, and nurturing relationships.

"From the beginning, we planned and crafted her project to capture the highest national recognition against the best in publishing. We are happy for her. These national awards will certainly do wonders for advancing her speaking, writing, and advocacy endeavors," said Robert Brekke, Director of Publishers Design Group.

In Grandpa's Hands was designed to promote communication and the emotional connectedness that comes from a nurturing relationship of fundamental importance. It 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.

Dr. Uhrik's professional career has spanned the educational, public, and community service landscapes with over forty prolific years of dedication and leadership. As a children's advocate and consultant with the California Department of Education, Dr. Uhrik has received local and national awards, including the "[US Presidential Award for Service](#)", for improving the quality of life of children and families. She has also been recognized by civic, community, family, and governmental groups for her accomplishments and is acknowledged in the U.S. Congressional Record for the outstanding contributions to children and their families.

Uhrik is also the author of *A Guidebook for Family Day Care Providers* (McGraw Hill, 1998) and *My Family Matters To Me: The ABCs of Home Improvement* (All Ways Learning, 2011). She lives in Sacramento with her husband and has two grown children and three grandchildren.

In Grandpa's Hands is available in bookstores, on the author's web site, and through Amazon. Hardback, retail price is \$13.95. ISBN 13: 978-0979258350

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