Johns Secret Dreams: The John Lennon Story by Doreen Rappaport

Beautiful Intro To Lenno's Life And Musical Work

John Lennon's influence on music and culture is legendary. He was a rebel, a genius, an innovator, and a peace activist. From a young age he dreamed of fame and fortune. When he achieved it as one of the Beatles, he recognized the need for a deeper meaning in life. His inner search for happiness shaped his life and brought new dimension to the world of rock n roll. As a follow-up to their award-winning title, Martin's Big Words, Doreen Rappaport and Bryan Collier present John Lennon's life through a combination of narrative and song lyrics, cut-paper collage and watercolor art-capturing the energy and the essence of a man whose vision and creative genius continue to inspire people today.

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My Personal Review:
For children whose parents steeped them in the Beatles as mine did, this book of swimming, beautiful collages about the life of John Lennon is a wonderful treat. The story is essentially a highlight of the good and the not-so-good parts of John's life and the many poignant, moving, and splendidly beautiful things he had to say. It deals with the sadness of John's abandonment by his mother (Mother, you had me, I never had you), the jubilation of creating a rock'n'roll phenomenon that shook the world and his wild sense of the absurd (Goo Goo GaJoob!). The book is punctuated by lyrics from many Beatles songs and is, basically, very moving. Although a few aspects of John's life mentioned in the book, divorcing his wife to marry Yoko Ono for example, may take a bit of explanation for younger children they are certainly important parts of John's life. The message of the book is John's constant message to the world: Yes is the answer and Love is all you need.

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