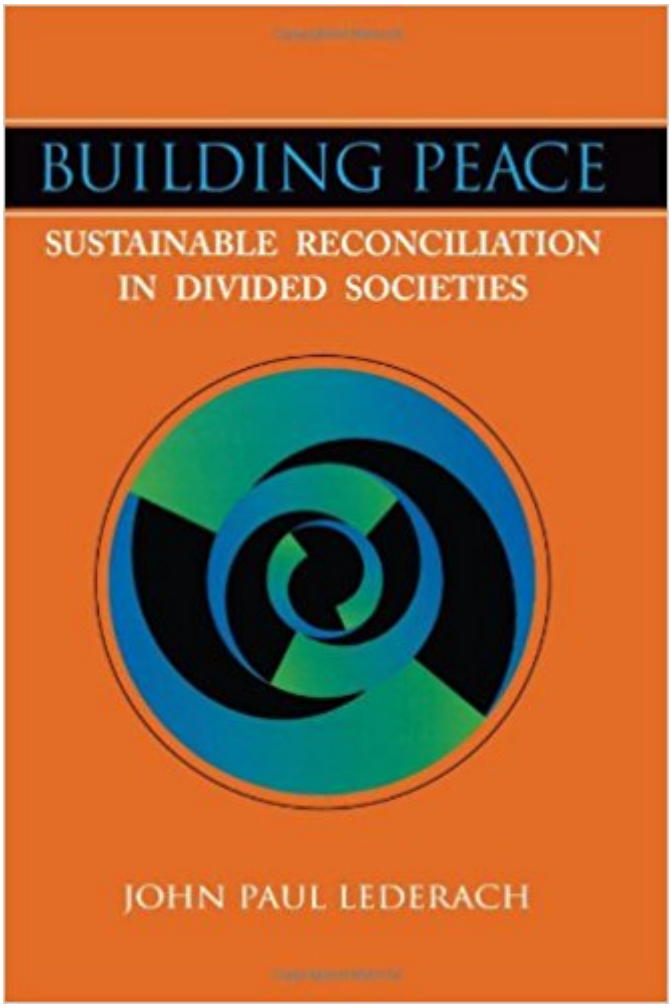
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Synopsis

A major work from a seminal figure in the field of conflict resolution, Building Peace is John Paul Lederach’s definitive statement on peacebuilding. Marrying wisdom, insight, and passion, Lederach explains why we need to move beyond "traditional" diplomacy, which often emphasizes top-level leaders and short-term objectives, toward a holistic approach that stresses the multiplicity of peacemakers, long-term perspectives, and the need to create an infrastructure that empowers resources within a society and maximizes contributions from outside.Sophisticated yet pragmatic, the volume explores the dynamics of contemporary conflict and presents an integrated framework for peacebuilding in which structure, process, resources, training, and evaluation are coordinated in an attempt to transform the conflict and effect reconciliation.Building Peace is a substantive reworking and expansion of a work developed for the United Nations University in 1994. In addition, this volume includes a chapter by practitioner John Prendergast that applies Lederach’s conceptual framework to ongoing conflicts in the Horn of Africa.

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John Paul Lederach has spent 15 years providing training and supporting peacebuilding in Colombia, Somalia, The Philippines, Nicaragua, and Northern Ireland. Director of Eastern Mennonite University’s Conflict Transformation Program, he has conducted numerous research projects and published extensively.

Few people have the experience and insight with building peace that John Paul Lederach brings to the topic. Anything he writes is worth study. There are gems in this book but, that said, for the best introduction to Lederach, I recommend The Moral Imagination, a classic.

I have no disappointment in the content of this product. However, I am anxious to digest the connection between materials here with the cultural dimension that has always seen my part of the world as 'developing' or 'underdeveloped' especially since most of the principles I am encountering are almost second nature to us.

i found this book to be very interesting particularly for people who are interested in how conflicts influence identity. it does not only provide theoretical analysis but also provides a framework for action in order to build peace in communities affected by internal conflict that involves identity issues.

This book by John Paul is a very very useful discussion of peacebuilding and how peacebuilders can best engage in thier work. His use of graphics and diagrams makes complex theories accessible. When asked what to read about conflict and peace, this book is at the top of my recommended list. It is thoughtful, compact and applicable in many contexts. My unqualified recommendation!

This book is a must have for all peace practitioners and those who study peace and conflict. I have used it in numerous papers and have made my students read it for class.

Good

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One of Lederach's most useful revelations in assessing the work of third-party nonviolent interventionists -- from humanitarian workers to nonviolent direct-action trainers -- is the idea of an integrated framework for peacebuilding. Instead of always focusing on either crisis intervention or a future-to-come; instead of focusing on either a local issue or only visioning about addressing root causes, Lederach explores the role of transformation -- how to get from crises to radical change."We must ... think about the design of social change in time-units of decades, in order to link

crisis management and long-term, future-oriented time frames," he writes. "We must understand crisis issues as connected to systemic roots ... [and] recognize the integrative potential of middle-range leaders, who by their locus within the affected population may be able to cultivate relationships and pursue the design of social change at a subsystem level."This is a vital book for anyone exploring the theory and practice of nonviolent social change, as well as practitioners searching for a framework for their direct action praxis.

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