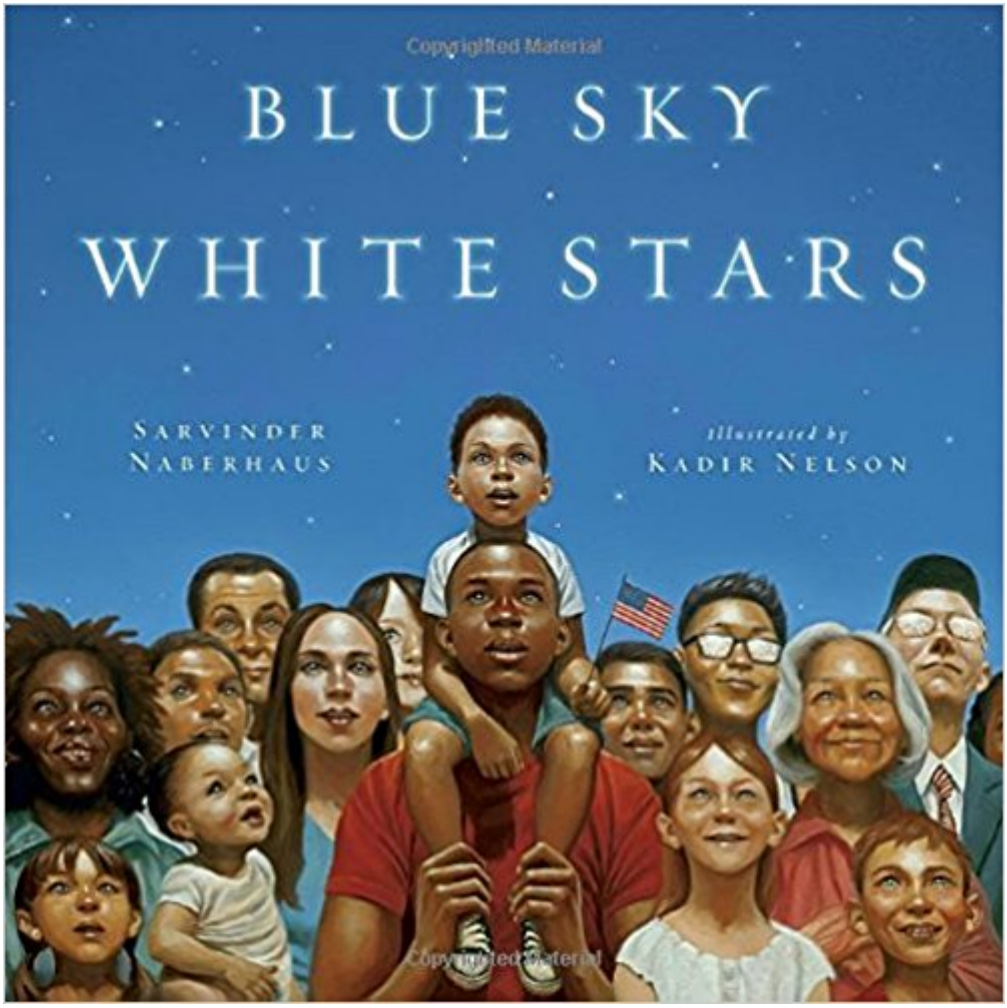
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Synopsis

An inspiring and patriotic tribute to the beauty of the American flag, a symbol of AmericaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s history, landscape, and people, illustrated by New York Times bestselling and Caldecott-honor winning artist Kadir Nelson Wonderfully spare, deceptively simple verses pair with richly evocative paintings to celebrate the iconic imagery of our nation, beginning with the American flag. Each spread, sumptuously illustrated by award-winning artist Kadir Nelson, depicts a stirring tableau, from the view of the Statue of Library at Ellis Island to civil rights marchers shoulder to shoulder, to a spacecraft at Cape Canaveral blasting off.Ã Â This book is an ode to America then and now, from sea to shining sea.

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Customer Reviews

Praise for Blue Sky, White Stars* "Many readers will feel that this book looks like the America they know."Ã Â Ã¢â ¬â •Publishers Weekly, starred review* "Though ostensibly a picture book for younger children, this has the ability to reach a much broader audience, and spark discussion of hopes and fears. ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s hard to imagine a book better suited to this time."Ã Â Ã¢â ¬â •Booklist, starred review* "Naberhaus and Nelson give new life to Old Glory for the youngest of readers." Ã¢â ¬â •Kirkus, starred review* "Timely homage to the relationship among America's majesty, its hopefulness and diversity, and its flag." Ã¢â ¬â •School Library

Journal, starred review

Sarvinder Naberhaus is the author of Boom Boom and the forthcoming Lines. She was born in India and grew up in the heartland of America. She lives in Iowa with her family. Kadir Nelson is an acclaimed artist and the illustrator of several New York Times bestselling picture books, including his authorial debut We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball, which won a Coretta Scott King Award and a Sibert Medal. Kadir has received three additional Coretta Scott King Awards and five Coretta Scott King honors. He has also received two Caldecott Honors, for Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad and Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom, and has twice received the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work.

While this is a beautifully illustrated book, which juxtaposes amazing images of our country (from coast to coast) with patriotic images of the flag and our nation's symbols. It is so much more. It is a thought provoking tribute to America and all she stands for.In one of my favorite spreads of the book, Kadir created an amazingly strong image from Sarvinder's use of the homonym: "Sew Together Won Nation/ So Together One Nation." This sentiment, and the image of our country united as one, is poignant . Throughout the book, the images and the sparse, but precisely and expertly chosen text, are blended together beautifully.Sarvinder and Kadir wove iconic images of America - The Statute of Liberty, The Grand Canyon, an Eagle, and the moon landing - with diverse images of strong, proud, Americans of all ages working together toward freedom through - the Civil War, World War II, and the Civil Rights movement. Each pair of images is accompanied by a patriotic sentiment. For instance, "All American" represents a baseball game and a World War II Veteran, listening to a radio broadcast of the game with his grandson.This book is a treasure on its own and an excellent means of starting a discussion of what our nation's symbols stand for and the unity and freedoms for which so many have fought (are fighting). This is a book that will appeal not only to kids, and teachers, but to a larger audience as well.

I'm donating this beautiful, emotional book to St. Timothy's Episcopal Preschool, where the students and teachers look like the people in the illustrations. The text and pictures brought tears to my eyes each time I paged through it. It's the quintessential 4th of July picture book. --or anytime of year book.

Very simple patriotic text allows the illustrations by Nelson to shine on the page. The text moves from describing the nation and its flag to the various natural beauties of its land. The people of the nation come next. A well-worn face of Lincoln next to the well-worn flag that is tattered. People march on the streets, other attend a baseball game and still others are the face of America on its porches. Faces of all colors and creeds fill the pages until they return to the flag, our shared purpose and freedom itself.This is one of the most patriotic picture books I have ever seen. The words are so simple and yet speak so profoundly of all that the United States holds dear. The illustrations for these words are truly exceptional. Each page is a wonder, and turning the pages is like visiting a gallery of NelsonÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s work. They are filled with the faces of America, symbols of our nation, and the beauty of the land.Awe inspiring, patriotic and grand, this picture book is superb. Appropriate for ages 3-7.

BLUE SKY WHITE STARS filled me a sense of pride. Sarvinder Naberhaus's few but thoughtfully chosen words, paired with Kadir Nelson's beautiful illustrations, spoke volumes. It will touch children and adults alike. To me, this is a book to share often and is one to remove from the shelves and display in a room. I think anyone who spots it will be drawn to it and be better for reading it. It's that amazing!

Breathtakingly perfect text matched with powerful images make this patriotic tribute a must have. Spare wording stirs the American spirit while realistic illustrations conjure parallels between our history and our present, our flag and our people. Had me crying in the bookstore. Bought it on the spot.

Blue Sky White Stars is a book that will endure through the ages. Its themes of freedom and unity and strength speak to all of us. It will spark new and deeper conversations as your children grow. It's also a perfect book for adults who want to reflect on and take pride in what it means to be American. Sarvinder's brilliant vision shines through in her poetic text enhanced by Kadir's beautiful illustrations. This is a book I plan to keep on my coffee table all year round.

I really liked it. My 3year old lost interest almost immediately which is why I knocked it down a star. But, it did lead to a fantastic discussion about why the people were marching (the page depicting a civil rights march). And I was able to help her relate to the "all American" spread by pointing out that the man is a veteran and fought for our country by pointing out it was kind of how Mulan fought for

China....with a 3yo i'll take whatever comprehension I can get :) we also discussed the people in the book, how old were they, what were they thinking, happy or sad or serious.I was moved by the spread of "Old Glory": the Grand Canyon on one side, and on the other the Old Glory flag flying in New York - with Twin Towers standing tall. Brought tears to my eyes..At the end of the book there was a notation that further information could be obtained on the author's website. I wish that information was contained in the book. I always find it helpful when a book can be read on its face and then in more detail. If I buy a book I want to look at a paper book, not have to turn on a computer. I really would like the further details but I want them in the book, not have to go to a website.

OH MY! This book is simply profound in its message and tribute to who we are as Americans. I cried as I read it, thankful for our history and for our diversity, our strength and unity. It is SO beautiful in its depth of who we are as a nation and how our flag reflects that. Sue Yeakel

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