

## REVIEWS

**ForeWord Magazine, Finalist, Book of the Year Award, 2003**

**Splendidly illustrated with full color photography.**

**Midwest Book Review**, December 10, 2002

Collaboratively compiled and written by Rondi Hillstrom Davis and Janell Sewall Oakes, Together: Creating Family Traditions is a 131-page compilation of fun activities for adults and kids to undertake together, all splendidly illustrated with full color photography. Holiday themes are spotlighted in this delightful guide to making homemade paper, granola, gingerbread man garlands, and so much more. Enthusiastically recommended for parents seeking to bond with their children, Together: Creating Family Traditions is a simply wonderful, thoroughly "user friendly" activities how-to book which the entire family can enjoy - from generation to generation.

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**Emmy Award Winning News Reporter**, March 2003

Together: Creating Family Traditions is an essential read for all parents with children. The no fuss recipes, colorful projects, and holiday treasures to be found here will inspire families to start their own traditions. Here, at last, is a book that appeals to adults and well as children. A treasure trove of what family "togetherness" is all about.

**Your book is gorgeous! April 20, 2002**

**4th Grade Teacher**, The Lamplighter School, Dallas, Texas.

Your book is gorgeous! I...want to send your book to my mother-in-law, who was also a fourth grade teacher.

**The splendid photographs alone are worth the price of the book.**

**Our Sunday Visitor, Catholic Magazine**, November 1, 2002

The authors write that they created this book "to show parents how easy and simple it is to connect with their children and how they can get away from our electronic, very commercialized world." Show it does! The splendid photographs alone are worth the price of the book, and there are creative ideas and delicious recipes for family celebrations of New Year's, Valentines Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

**Cherish Family Time? Buy this book!**

**Elizabeth Davis**, April 11, 2002

This book has it all: great ideas, great photography, great recipes, and lots of JOY! Anyone who enjoys time with family and wants it to be meaningful, over the years, holiday by holiday, will love this book.

**I liked smashing the leaves.**

**Allen, Age 6**

I learned how to make leaf prints.

**The book is recommended for anyone who needs a refresher course in the meaning of quality time.**

**Legacy Magazine**, Autumn 2002

Together reminds readers that it's the simple family pleasures, not the pricey trips to Disneyland, that are often the most meaningful and memorable. The book is filled with projects that everyone in the family can enjoy...Filled with lovely photographs of adorable tykes, this book is recommended for anyone who needs a refresher course in the meaning of family time.

**Every Family Should Own This Book. April 2, 2002**

**A reader from Chicago, IL, USA**

A delightful book, it brought back memories of my own life as a child, and made me wish I had shared more time "together" with my young nieces than I too, could have shared in a cherry pie eating contest. I would have been right in there, face first along with them! Simply precious.

**I loved revisiting my experiences through your stories in the book.**

**Lenny M., Houston, TX**, January 26, 2003.

I cannot tell you how much I've enjoyed your book. I stopped at a restaurant ...and took your book in and soaked up the warmth of it over a very long lunch! I grew up in a family full of wonderful memories and special occasions. I loved revisiting my experiences through your stories in the book. Our time spent on this planet is precious and all we really have is our connectedness to one another.

**A gem...**

**Meredith D. Mulhern** from Alexandria, VA, April 3, 2002

What a great find...I was given this book as a gift and I can't wait to try these projects and recipes with my nieces and nephews. Not only is this filled with beautiful pictures and a joy to look through, but when reading it, I couldn't help but recall memories from my own childhood. I especially like the fact that the projects are for children of all ages, this book is for everyone! I highly recommend "Together"...it makes a wonderful gift, and I know that first hand. This book definitely stands out from any others I have come across!

**One Stop Shopping with this Wonderful Book!**

**A reader from Falls Church, VA USA**, April 3, 2002

It seems like everyone I know is either getting married or starting a family this year. I love Together: Creating Family Traditions. It's the perfect bridal shower / baby shower gift, as it covers everything from creative ideas to recipes to family journaling. (The recipes for mom's blueberry muffins and Grandmother Borland's cookies are yummy!) The pictures are vivid and beautiful, the prose is thought provoking and tenderly written, and the little touches, like the satin ribbon bookmark, are just lovely. I bought multiple copies to give as gifts, and have received a bevy of ecstatic thank-you notes from brides-to-be and mothers-to-be.

**My kids and I love thumbing through the beautiful pictures for inspiration.**

**Debra, Chicago, Illinois**

Together is full of great new ideas! We have incorporated many of them into our own family traditions.