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## Touching spirit bear pdf

Touching the SPIRIT BEAR in Cole Matthews lies anger, anger and hatred. Cole's been stealing and fighting for years. This time he caught Peter Driscall in the parking lot and hit his head on the pavement. Peter may have permanent brain damage, and Cole is the biggest problem of his life. Cole Circle Justice is presented: a system based on Native American traditions that tries to provide healing for criminals, victims and society. The only alternative is prison and Cole's playing with him. He says he wants to repent, but in his heart, Cole blames his alcoholic parents, his abusive father, wimpy Peter (everyone but himself) for his condition. Cole gets a year's exile from a remote Alaskan island. There, he is battered by the mysterious white bear of the Indian legend. Horribly wounded, Cole waits for death. His thoughts have shifted from anger to humility. To survive, he must stop blaming other people and take responsibility for his life. Rescuers come to save Cole's body, but it's the Spirit Bear's attack that can save his soul. Ben Mikaelson paints a vivid picture of a child offender, examines the roots of his anger without taking responsibility for his actions, and interrogates a society where angry people are victims of their peers and communities. TOUCHING THE SOUL CAN DESTROY A PAIN FORCE that leads to a poignant reference, or healing. There are many lessons in the covers of this book, but it is the story that will appeal to readers.

-Pabrinkis; Children Reads.com [Cole's story] will captivate young and old and make everyone wait for more. -Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) Touching Spirit Bear is a great book to be shared with seniors. This is a great action-packed book. I would recommend it for you!

-Charolotte Mecklenburg Library Hard cover, soft cover or audiobook available. HE'S VISITING BEN'S BULLY-FREE ZONE! Ben's Other Intriguing Stories Peruse Back To Touch Spirit Bear Book was the inspiration for this book? I was born into a conservative white family in Bolivia, South America. It gave me a perspective on justice that is not shared by many American children. When I was 10, I had three revolutions, I went over bodies in the streets, a man was shot dead just a few feet away and he watched my first execution. There was no school as our house in Bolivia was 3000 metres high on the high plains above La Paz. Therefore, I did not attend school or home until fourth grade, at which point I was sent to boarding school. The school was run by the hard-working, matrons led by iron fists. Minor violations were punished with a stick. Severe violations were punished with a leather strap that left my hands in bandages. My own personal violations never seem trivial. Besides, a kid like me who can't read or write wasn't dealt with remedially, but rather criminally. If I did my best on a mission but didn't make it, I had to improve or tie myself up the next day. Coming up with a binding and knowing that I had already had my hardest to work with was probably the scariest thing about boarding school. I learned the pain of racism at an early age. I knew what it was like to be eclipsed, to get mud in my face and to be called Gringo. At a sensitive age I learned what it was like to look at my skin and hate myself because a thin layer of my body was different from other children. When I came to America when I was young, I discovered that people's differences went much deeper. Unfortunately, it took me to be an angry teenager and embrace my differences and see the afterthing of a few police stations before I was proud of them. It's a long way to explain that The Touching Spirit Bear is the book I said I could read in adolescence. The hard lessons learned over the years were the ones I wanted to share with today's young people. Tell me about your bullying at school. When I came to the U.S. at the age of 12, everything about me seemed different. The clothes I wear, the games I play, how I talk.... Everything. At first I thought I was being teased because there was something wrong with me. I was so ashamed of my differences. It took many years, but over time I became proud of what made me different. I've learned that bullies are bullies because they're scared. If bullies were always different and counted on students they didn't understand. What I've learned about people in general is that we're afraid of what we don't understand and we're trying to destroy everything we're afraid of. That's why most bullies are bullies. Touching Spirit Bear Story Setting Information TOUCHING SPIRIT BEAR F A Q go You're talking about Circle Justice in Poignant Spirit Bear. What exactly is Circle Justice? With traditional justice, punishment is used as the main tool to deter future crimes. But in Poignant Spirit Bear, that's how Cole's parole officer explains Circle Justice to Cole. If you kill my cat, normally the police will punish you, that's all. We still hate each other. I still feel sorry for my cat, and you're angry that you have to pay a fine. You sign an improvement contract at Circle Justice. You can agree to help me choose a new kitten and help me take care of it as part of the punishment. By doing something for me and for another cat, you'll make things right. He goes on to tell Cole that he shouldn't be doing this. To escape from prison, but to heal. Cole realizes he's a victim, too. What's going to make him want to kill a poor little animal is the bad thing from his past. The great thing about Circle Justice is that the ultimate goal is to heal. Everyone will help you with that goal. In the example above, Cole's lawyer can take him to the zoo. The victim's lawyer can take Cole to a veterinarian. The judge can take Cole to his own workshop and therefore help him build bird houses to get back to the bottom of the animals he recklessly destroyed. Always the ultimate goal is to change hearts and forgive each other on both sides and become neighbors again. In reality, Circle Justice, or what is often called 'Alternative Justice,' takes more manpower and time, but the results are worth it. One benefit is that it is normally allowed to help community members who are out of the process. Second, by using the punishment, ninety-five percent of those punished will continue to commit more crimes. With Circle Justice, where recovery is the ultimate goal, sometimes less than 10 percent commit crimes again. You're writing about a bear attack in this book. What made a bear live with you in person? Have you ever been scared? When I came to America, I was able to watch TV for the first time. My favorite show was Gentle Ben. Later, my interest in bears took me to volunteer time in bear studies in northern Minnesota. By the time I found out about Buffy, a research facility had already removed her front paws. If they couldn't find a suitable home, they'd destroy it. That's when I decided to raise Buffy. As for fear, I don't think I'm afraid of Buffy, but I know I respect her a lot. If this were an ideal world, what is your ultimate goal? My dream is a world where no child is a victim. If we had that world, our need for justice and healing would be virtually gone. But we don't live in a perfect world, so we need to learn to heal. Another lesson I want to teach children with my writings is that they are not desperate citizens on this planet. They are the authors of their own lives. Through training, they have the power to control their future as well as control the events of a story they make up on a piece of paper. Part of this self-discovery is to realize that we all have a choice between punishment or healing. Educators have to wake up to the fact that incentives are a much stronger tool than punishment. There are those who consider these admonitions realistic, but I believe in the power of our children to change the world. I love a saying I saw at a school recently. If you want Change the world for a year, plant rice. If you want to change the world for 10 years, plant a tree. But if you want to change the world for a lifetime, educate a child. It is my belief - we can educate young students who have the power to overcome anger and punishment in forgiveness and healing. But to do so, adults must first learn to forgive and embrace healing in their own hearts. That's the justice I want our world to embrace. Back to The Poignant Spirit Bear Book THIS Review (MAY) Contains SPOILERS. READ AT YOUR OWN RISK. I don't like this book. 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Cole is at least the only character in this book most of the time, so that doesn't make me like that book. On the bear. Obviously there would be a bear in it as the title and name. But there was hardly any in the bear. Sure, that was a big part of the story, but maybe I read about the view five times, and once we saw it, the bear walked away after just a few seconds. Now, garvey. I'm not sure about him. Initially, what he said about his past was very vague, and then, when they went a little deeper, I was still left with questions. Story. I don't like the conspiracy. That doesn't happen where someone almost kills someone and sends them to an island. They'd go to jail. I don't like the Justice Circle. They go and meet and decide to send him to the island instead of going to jail to help him 'change'. I think Cole should have a second chance there, especially when he almost killed Peter. Let's say it happened to an adult, in the same situation, the adult would go to jail. Because almost killing someone is actually a crime. Cole's been in trouble before. Okay, so they took him to the island, made a nice cabin and left him there. Island. I like this part of the book. I loved the island, and I wish I could describe a writer. more on the island. He described it a little bit, but he never got deep. These are my ideas. Please don't think I'm trying to be rude, really, I'm not. I just don't like it. If you like it, great, I'm glad you found a book you love. I'm just giving you my honest dick. ... more...

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