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**Customer Reviews**

Adults as well as school-age children will find this book amazing. Not the typical pop-up for young children. I bought this for my grandchildren and I was amazed at the fabulous complexity of the pop-ups. Robert Sabuda has outdone himself on this one. This is not the typical book on Hanukah. The text tells a beautiful story of all the places in the world that the Jews have observed the candle lighting ceremony. The pop-ups illustrate the journeys. When I shared it with my adult friends their eyes filled up. That's how beautiful it is.

I have to say that I have been collecting pop-up books since I was in high school - 40 years ago! I love them. My most favorite are by Robert Sabuda. He sets a high benchmark for excellence. This
book did not disappoint. Some simple and some very elaborate pop-ups add to the story of the lighting of the chanuka candles. I found it an interesting (I am not Jewish, but love to learn about different cultures and religions) story and the pop-ups were a nice touch, highlighting key aspects.

This is a book you might read to your younger children, who will delight in the surprise of the pop-ups, while letting older children discover it for themselves (after being instructed on how to carefully open and close the pop-ups to protect them from damage). It is a wonderful story of faith and miracles that those of any age would find inspiring.

This book is sure to become a treasured family heirloom. It is visually stunning and the pages come to life with the three dimensional pop up rendition of the beautiful poem. The pop up art is extremely delicate - a tiny monkey on one side came with its tail bent.

This was a beautiful book. I know some may prefer more color, but that fact that the pop-ups were all white (I feel) make the reader focus more on the shapes, shadows, forms and details of the cut-outs. I especially found the wee clothing drying outside on the line amazing. The white color also highlights the colored foil menorah that's lit one by one throughout the story, so be sure to look for those in the windows in each scene. I probably looked through the book 4 or 5 times before I actually got around to reading the story. So no offense to Rosen - it's good, too, but in my opinion not as attention getting as Sabuda's work. This would make a great gift during Hanukkah, and I can easily see the book becoming part of a yearly tradition to take it out only then to re-read and enjoy the illustrations among family.

Just a beautiful book. I bought it in March, after Chanukah. I have only had a chance to flip thru it, but the artistry is amazing! I can’t figure out how he did cutouts that show such detail as clothing on a clothesline!I want to sit down with my hubby and look thru the book together. It will be wonderful to display the pages during Chanukah, too.

A lovely book. My daughter and I took this book to my grandson’s first grade class and read it to a class of 23 boys and girls. The illustrations are really lovely and brought many "oohs and aahs" from the group. It told about the lights in many eras and countries, rather than focusing too strongly on religion, which made it OK for a public school setting. The three of us lite the menorah after reading the book. Both the teacher and the kids seemed to enjoy the occasion.
What an incredibly detailed and artistic pop-up book! I was really thrilled, and will have to buy another to give away as a gift...since I have to keep this one! Rachel

What a beautiful book! I gave this as a gift, and my spouse was thoroughly delighted with it. The intricate fold-out parts are all rendered in bright white, making a beautiful contrast to the muted backgrounds. It tells a delightful story about how a message of freedom and peace spread around this world as Jews migrated far and wide. You don't have to be Jewish to appreciate this -- if you are open to the universal experience of people seeking their place in the world, this story should resonate with you.

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