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# Spread Your Wings And Fly: An Origami Fold-and-Tell Story



## Synopsis

This magically illustrated "fold-and-tell" teaches children, step-by-step, how to make an origami crane and offers lessons in life along the way.â € Includes illustrations of each paper fold and instructions in language appropriate for children as young as 4 years old. â € Presents a story that emphasizes life's successes, joys, creativity, and triumph over adversity.â € Provides an additional succinct summary of all the folding steps and a paper template for parents and teachers. In this delightful "fold-and-tell," the author teaches children to create the traditional origami crane. Through inspiring, accessible prose interwoven with richly detailed illustrations that seem to burst exuberantly from their borders, *Spread Your Wings and Fly* cleverly combines clear folding instructions with a simple story of the ups and downs, missteps and wondrous flights that are part of life for all of us. The author's words conjure images of perennial delight in each folding step toward creating a finished bird: first it looks like a kite, then like an ice cream cone; at one moment the folded paper resembles a sailboat, at another an elephant with large ears. The story reminds youngsters that sails may lose their wind or ice cream may fall from your cone--but with the next fold of paper, children are brushing themselves off and moving on with their paper creations. For extra clarity, a separate, detailed step-by-step summary of folding instructions is provided for adults, along with a pattern for paper squares perfectly sized for small hands to fold. *Spread Your Wings and Fly* is a remarkable tool for parents, teachers, or anyone who spends time with children and wishes to share with them the gifts of storytelling, creativity, and craft.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 6

## Customer Reviews

"A great way to teach children how to tackle a challenging and rewarding task." (Light of Consciousness, Spring/Summer 2002)"This brilliant book touches the heart and spirit with every page. A true and timeless gift for any child." (Candelora Versace, Southwest Book Views, Winter 2003)

Mary Chloe Schoolcraft Saunders served as an elementary school speech-language pathologist for 11 years, during which she used origami to foster the development of language skills and spiritual growth. She lives in New Mexico. Carla McGregor Mihelich's artwork has won numerous awards in national competitions. She also lives in New Mexico.

My kids love this book! We read it together and created "practice" peace cranes with plain white copy paper. Now, we're folding nice paper cranes to give with gifts this holiday season and to hang as ornaments. By following these instructions, even my three year old can fold a peace crane. The secret is in looking for all the other shapes (a mountain, elephant ears, a kite, an ice cream cone, a baby bird's mouth, a canoe, a wolf, etc.) that you find as you make each fold.

I got this for our grand daughter...even though she is just a newborn. The illustrations are beautiful as is the message. I teach young children how to fold 'peace' cranes. Origami cranes symbolize peace & that needs to be instilled when children are young. The story combines the folding of the crane with the every day ups & downs of life. Well done!

Cool book. Instructions you can understand.

What a beautiful endeavor! I so enjoyed the authors creative analogies that made it so easy to see the unfolding of life through folding. What lovely ways to give a child a "big picture" for they have not the experience to understand the magical way all the hills, valleys and squashed dreams, ultimately become such wonderful life treasures! The expressive illustrations in the warm color palette adds a visceral depth to the experience this book brings to the participant, Thank you author Mary Chloe Schoolcraft Saunders and illustrator Carla McGregor Mihelich for the gift you have given to our

world.

Mary Chloe Schoolcraft Saunders' *Spread Your Wings and Fly: An Origami Fold-And-Tell Story* is a rhyming children's book that teaches young readers how to fold a paper crane. Rapturous color illustrations by Carla McGregor Mihelich add a wondrous touch to this charming read-aloud book; the last two pages feature very detailed, step-by-step, text and pictorial instructions for crafting a crane that can flap its wings.

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