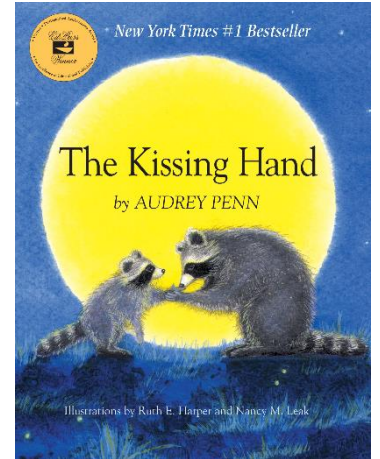




## Unite Your Community with The Kissing Hand

In the face of violence throughout the world—whether it be domestic or from war abroad—we are mindful that there are a number of children who are suffering, afraid of violence affecting their families.

Tanglewood Publishing is fortunate to publish a book that provides solace in the face of a child's fear—*The Kissing Hand*. This book has a strong history of providing comfort to children and parents during times of anxiety and distress—from starting school to losing a family member to a parent in the military who is being sent overseas.



### We Are Stronger Together

Various communities throughout the United States are joining together with local law enforcement agencies, civil rights activists such as Black Lives Matter groups, and community libraries to create unity events. These events bring neighbors together and move the ever-present issues of adversity to the background so community members can focus collaboratively to sustain and empower one another by joining together and connecting during difficult times.

Tanglewood Publishing is proud to have been a small part of some of these unity events through the donation of *The Kissing Hand* to give to families in the community.

### The Kissing Hand – The Family Tradition



In *The Kissing Hand*, school is starting in the forest but Chester Raccoon does not want to go. To help ease Chester's fears, Mrs. Raccoon shares a family secret called The Kissing Hand to give him the reassurance of her love any time his world feels a little scary. Since its first publication in 1993, this heartwarming book has become a children's classic that touches the lives of millions of children and their parents.

This reassurance is something that all kids can and will cherish, especially during times of anxiety.

### Interested in Holding a Unity Event in Your Community?

Here are two activity examples you can have families do together during your event with *The Kissing Hand*.

**Activity 1:** What does love feel like? Put together a box containing items with several different textures and shapes (soft, fuzzy, scratchy, round, puffy, square, flat). Ask the children to close their eyes and have them reach into the box and find the objects that remind them of what love might feel like if you could touch it.

**Activity 2:** What makes you feel safe? Create a craft corner complete with coloring/painting supplies and crafts. Have individual family members write the name of/decorate or draw a picture of someone who makes them feel safe. It could be their mom, dad, teacher, etc. When each family is finished, ask them to discuss with one another what they wrote or drew and why. After talking, give each family *The Kissing Hand*, have them read it with each child, and then show how they can do a kissing hand to the person that makes them feel safe.

### The Tanglewood Promise

Contact us, along with other local organizations and news outlets, to see how we and others can help you create valuable memories for your community. Tanglewood always wants to hear about how our titles resonate with kids and families and, within our means, we will donate or offer discounts to help with your programming.