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# Stop Here, This Is The Place



## Synopsis

Winky Lewis and Susan Conley, a photographer and a writer in Portland, tried an experiment. At the start of every week for a year, Winky sent Susan a photograph: of their children, of the street where they live as neighbors, and of other green places in Maine. By the end of that week Susan sent a tiny story back that talked to the photograph. *Stop Here, This Is The Place* tells the story of a year in which children's arms and legs get longer, and traces of babyhood fade--a year that feels interminable to a ten-year-old looking forward and fleeting to that ten-year-old's mother, who can always stop here, go back and remember. This delightfully evocative gift book is a reminder to stop and enjoy the precious time we have with our kids while we have them. Through Susan's recollections of moments from her childhood and the ongoing lives of her children, we're reminded of our own childhoods, and of the necessity to stop and pay attention, to hold on.

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## Customer Reviews

Two friends, two mothers, two houses. One photographer, one writer. One street. One year. One family. Susan Conley (writer) & Laura Lewis (photographer) spontaneously came up with this creative concept of documenting a year's worth of their family's memories. Every week, a photo was taken by one and captioned by the other. The writing is lyrical, capturing thoughts and musings of the mothers or the children. The fitting accompaniment to the photography. The photographs have this dreamlike quality, like there are secrets that should only be told in a whisper. Capturing simple, daily moments of these families. They transported me back to my own carefree childhood

days. When nothing mattered. When everything mattered. Stop. Slow down. And enjoy the small things in life. Review copy supplied by publisher through NetGalley in exchange for a rating and/or review. (image 1) I know all about imaginary friends. But Piggy is different. You see I am Piggy and Piggy is me. I'm not sure how to spell doppelganger, but my brother said it means double. So this is Piggy. My good shadow. My eyes and nose and lips. My heartbeat.

Sometimes, when a book only has a handful of reviews, all glowing, and most are not by "verified purchasers," I worry that the author's in-group (not necessarily friends, but existing fans) wrote all the reviews.... Let me reassure you that I have absolutely no connection to these authors, and I still found it a Five Star, tell-everyone-you-know-she's-GOT-to-get-it, absolute delight of a book. I stumbled across one of Winky Lewis's portraits on a photography site (Lenscratch) a few months back. It was arresting, in a way that called to me. There were dozens of other perfectly lovely pictures in that photo roundup, but Ms Lewis's was the only one that sent me running off to learn more about the photographer. I saw this book and liked the story behind the project, so I took a chance and pre-ordered. For me, the biggest surprise was how much I loved the writing, even more than the photographs. I am a picky, picky reader, but I was blown away by how succinctly and beautifully the writer captures truths about both childhood and parenthood. I'm tracking down her other writings and recommending this one to everyone I know. Including YOU, dear browser of . No book is right for everyone, but this is one of those small delights that certainly comes close. Would also make a treasured gift for the mothers in your life.

Stop Here, This is the Place[book:Stop Here, This Is the Place|27131102][author:Susan Conley|1240463][author:Susan Conley|1240463][author:Winky Lewis|15038372]I received this book free in a Goodreads Giveaway. I loved this little book and highly recommend it. It only takes about an hour to read. It is a collaboration between two moms who live on the same street. One is a writer and one is a photographer. Every week for a year Winky takes a picture and sends it to Susan. It may be a picture of one or more of their children or some scenery etc. Susan then adds a short story more of a poem that talked to the photograph. It basically captured moments in their children's lives. It was beautiful and a very pleasant and calming way to escape for an hour or so. The photographs are beautiful. Some were stunning and the tiny stories that went with them took me to another place and time, just for a minute or two. The book itself was of high quality and just had a nice feel to it that made the whole experience even better. The cover art was beautiful too. There's not much else to say to explain the book. You really just need to find a comfy chair and kick your feet up and

experience it for yourself.

I was drawn to this is a photographer and I think the images are just perfect. The writing is special, simple but with a sweet hint of childhood melancholy. What a perfect marriage of talents. Absolutely adore this book. It's a treat for the spirit.

I found this book on Goodreads, and won the giveaway! I never heard of it or recognized the Author or Photographer, but I'm glad I came across it! I absolutely loved it! This was such a great idea for the two to do, and I'm glad they came together and pulled it off. The photographs looked so great next to each writing. The writing was wonderful as well! So smooth and easy, and reminded me of summer days when I was younger. I read it within 15 minutes I was reading through it so fast that I wasn't even looking at the pictures at first. I had to go back through and really take a look at each photograph! So beautiful! I know this review is very short and sweet, just like the book. But I don't really have much else to say about it, there was not a single thing wrong with it! I rate it 5/5 stars.â “ Kristina Masset

This is a beautifully done book. The photographs take you right there, right back to when you were the one picking the berries, jumping off the dock, and relishing the seemingly infinite stretch of summer. Kids, right after you have them, slow your life down - you can't rush an infant's processes, so you slow down with your baby. But soon the pace, for the parent, rushes back to frenetic. For kids, though, it stays slow, and they live in this alternate world, part of ours but separate from it. They have their own rhythms and a year, which this book chronicles, is forever. These two have captured that feeling, of time slowed down.

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