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PreSchool-K?One winter day, elderly Sarah notices a young boy at the bus stop without mittens, so she knits him a pair and leaves them on a tree where he'll find them. She continues to knit (anonymously) and leaves mittens for the children who need them. One day, a large basket of yarn is left on her doorstep, enabling her to continue her work. The story is well told, warm without being treacly. The scratchy illustrations are done in crisp, winter colors. A good bedtime tale for a cold winter night after playing all day in the snow.?Christine A. Moesch, Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, NY
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Review

It truly is a wonderful book that inspired me to create a community 'Mitten Tree' right here in my village...As you can probably imagine, this book provides the foundation for an amazing community service project for you to undertake with your children. --Katie's Literature Lounge Blog

'The Mitten Tree' is a beautiful book... illustrations are soft, delicate, textured treasures that greatly enhance this lovely, charming tale of goodwill. --Midwest Book Review, February 2010

This delightful children's book...celebrates giving from the heart with no need for recognition or applause. --The Lutheran magazine

About the Author

Candace Christiansen grew up in the Hudson River Valley. Educated at the College of Saint Rose and Cornell University, she became interested in weaving and fiber arts while living in South Westerlo, New York, where she raised four children and forty sheep. Elaine Greenstein began making children's books about 15 years ago and is the author and illustrator of the popular Ice Cream Cones for Sale. Currently, she is working on a book about Konrad Lorenz. Greenstein also had stints as a pastry chef and a sculptor. She lives with her husband, Jose, in Brooklyn, New York.

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