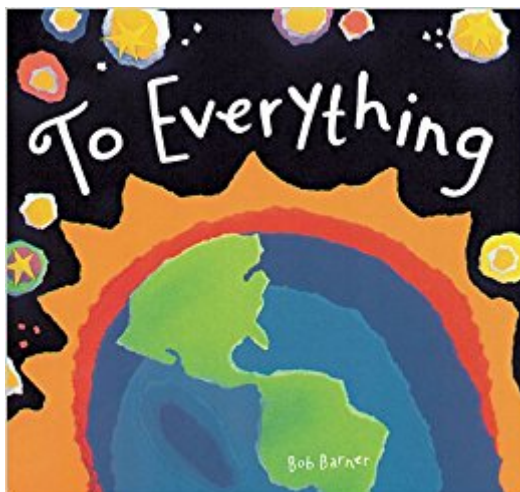


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# To Everything



## Synopsis

To everything there is a seasonA time to cry, a time to laughA time to mourn, a time to danceThe words of this timeless song, drawn from the wisdom of Ecclesiastes and made famous in the '60s by the Byrds, are beautifully illustrated here by award-winning artist Bob Barner. Barner's joyful torn-paper collagesmuch praised in his previous book, *Dem Bones*offer a thoughtful interpretation of the song's simple yet powerful message.

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## Customer Reviews

Snazzy cut- and torn-paper collages set these famous verses from Ecclesiastes ("To everything there is a season") rocking to a jazzy beat. While such eye-popping colors as fire-engine red, lime green and rain-slicker yellow ensure the lines can't possibly be read with the stentorian tones often foisted upon ancient poetry in general and the Bible in particular, Barner's (*Dem Bones*) images pin the words to concepts children will readily grasp. For "a time to cry, a time to laugh," for example, readers see a solitary monkey perching sadly on the branch of a tree while a frisky crew of his compatriots romps on another bough; and "a time to hold, a time to let go" shows a pair of hands releasing a swarm of fireflies from a jar. A user's guide, complete with focus questions ("What are some ways people can work together to resolve conflicts?") and suggested activities, seems superfluous. This interpretation is neither so dazzling nor so memorable as Leo and Diane Dillon's recent *To Everything There Is a Season* (*Children's Forecasts*, July 27), but it will please youngest readers. Ages 3-8. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Kindergarten-Grade 2-This slightly modernized version of 10 familiar verses from Ecclesiastes splashes across double-page spreads with bold images and brilliant colors. The paper-collage illustrations in richly saturated golds, purples, greens, blues, and reds show large, stylized, decorative flowers, birds, animals, and insects, and panoramic views of the day and night skies. The interpretations are exciting and thoughtful: for "A time to be born, a time to die," the picture shows a butterfly emerging from its cocoon, then huge and triumphant in full-wing spread, then dropping gently to the earth; "A time for war, a time for peace" features a white dove with a glowing blue eye among flames and barbed wire. The multicolored, hand-lettered text sweeps across the pages as part of the overall artistic design. A guide for discussion of the various passages and pictures and suggestions for related art activities are included. Leo and Diane Dillon's *To Every Thing There Is a Season* (Scholastic, 1998) is more comprehensive in its coverage and totally different in its concept, but the fact that these poignant, universal thoughts can be interpreted in such different ways attests to their profundity and to the creativity of the artists. Patricia Pearl Dole, formerly at First Presbyterian School, Martinsville, VA Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

To Everything-I bought it to read to my child to help him cope with the death of his Grandfather-reading it out loud helped me as much or more-I read it again and again to remember that "To Everything, there is some sort of reason that I may never understand but life is a balance-or that it will be.

Perfect for the young ones who will be seeing it. It is for a kindergarten library. I am very satisfied with the art work.

I would say the book was only in fair condition- quite battered. It was a disappointment. My previous experiences have been more positive.

This is the favorite book of my 4-month old infant, and one of the only books for she will sit still! She loves the bright colors and contrasts of this book, and the repetitive, sing-songy words. I highly recommend this book for readers of all ages!

I am continually amazed at how much my 16-month old baby is attracted to this book. He loves the illustrations and begs for it to be read to him. I don't know what makes this book more special than others for him, but he really loves the pages and colors. We both enjoy the timeless message.

The book basically sums up everything there is to life. It takes a very simple, important message and portrays it in vivid images. It's great!

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