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A Different View of Afghanistan

Nearly every day we hear something about Afghanistan in the news. Our children hear "Afghanistan," too. Some children have parents in the military stationed there. Some children know our country is fighting a war there; others may simply know that Afghanistan is someplace somewhere else. Period.

I See the Sun in Afghanistan (Satya House, July 2011) is the third book in the award-winning *I See the Sun* series written by Dedie King and illustrated by Judith Inglese. The book provides a glimpse into the daily life of an Afghan family as seen through the eyes of Habiba, a young girl growing up in the town of Bamiyan. Without negating the realities of a war-torn country, this is a story that accurately and sensitively sheds light on the fact that Afghan children have the same basic needs and concerns as children everywhere: family, food and shelter, education, and security. Children will be able to recognize the similarities as well as the differences between their own daily life and the culture of Afghanistan.

Like the other books in the series, **I See the Sun in Afghanistan** was written in English. Then it was translated into Dari, also known as Afghan Farsi, by Mohd Vahidi, a native of Afghanistan and currently a doctoral student at the University of Massachusetts.

I See the Sun in Afghanistan was vetted independently for authenticity and accuracy and is richly illustrated with collages made from original photographs and colorful drawings. It also includes an overview of the country, a glossary of unfamiliar words, and a map that highlights where Afghanistan is on the globe.

The next title in the series will be **I See the Sun in Russia** (February 2012). **I See the Sun in China** and **I See the Sun in Nepal** were published in Fall 2010.

About the Author: Dedie King was a Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal. During her two years there, she also travelled in other parts of Asia, including India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. She holds a MEd and besides teaching in the Peace Corps, has taught elementary school and children with learning disabilities. Her interest in writing books about different cultures is to bring awareness to young children of both the sameness and the differences of cultures around the world.

About the Illustrator: Judith Inglese is an artist who designs and fabricates ceramic tile murals for public environments. She has written and illustrated many books for her children and grandchildren to stimulate their imagination and honor their sense of playfulness. The *I See the Sun* series is her first collaboration for publication.

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