

# Sacramento Book Review



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## **Stitchin' and Pullin'- A Gee's Bend Quilt**

*By Patricia C. McKissack*

*Illustrated by Cozbi C. Cabrera*

*Random House, \$17.99, 48 pages*

This story is a beautiful tribute to a wonderful tradition. Gee's Bend women have quilted for generations. It has brought African American women together all while creating masterpieces that can often be seen on museum walls. With technology running rapid through our homes, traditions are often left by the wayside. McKissack pieces together these overlooked parts of their heritage in this culturally rich story. Cabrera's stunning illustrations highlight the beauty found in each quilt. I'm not quite sure if children will quite yet appreciate its meaning on their own, so this is definitely a good story to read along with your child. It will also remind you to teach them about your own family traditions.

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