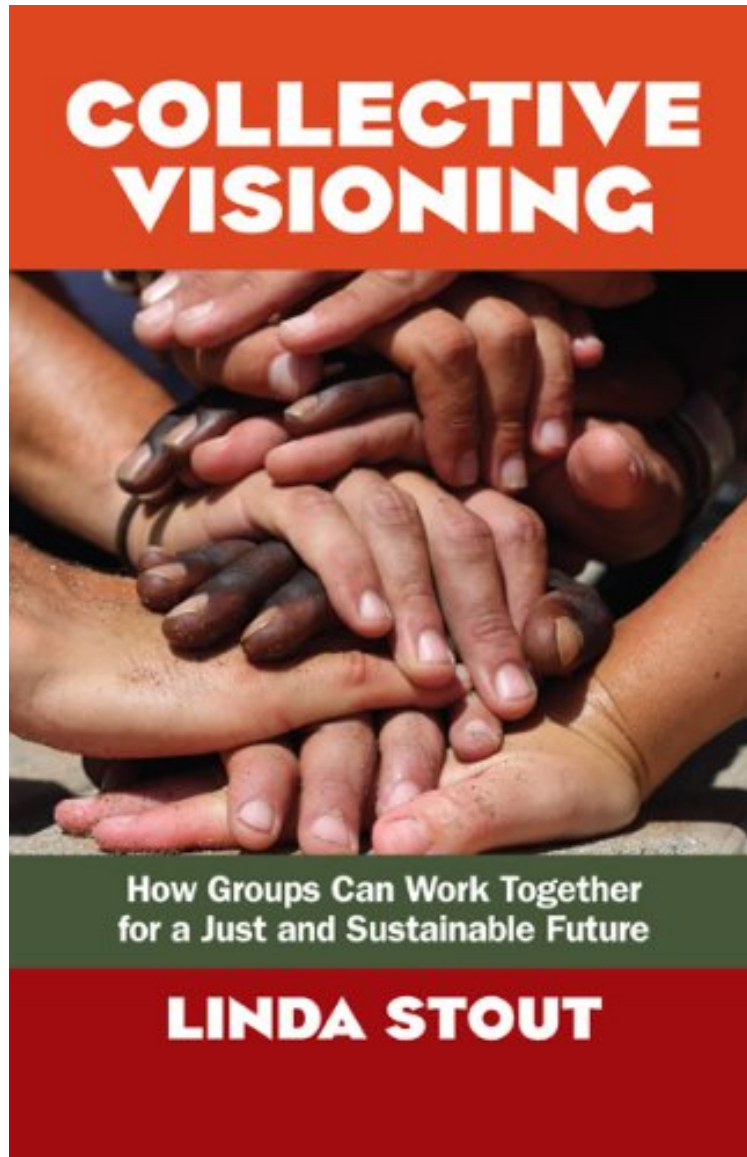


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authentic, and collaborative way to create lasting change in our communities. Weaving powerful personal stories together with detailed accounts of her experience facilitating the process of collective visioning Linda Stout shows that you can make the world a more just and sustainable place--no matter who you are and where you came from. Linda herself came grew up in extreme poverty and now leads a national movement building organization. It is through this organization, Spirit in Action, that I originally experienced the collective visioning process first hand. It was that process of bringing together a diverse group of individuals to talk about the most pressing issues of our time through the lens of education that dramatically shifted the way I conducted my work on the national education scene. If you are looking for a process by which you can collectively work towards creating a better world, you should read *Collective Visioning*. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Offers hope that transformation of society is possible when we work together! By Warrior Woman Linda Stout offers three pillars for effective change-making in the United States and across the world: hope, vision and action. She offers practical steps and stories of success to guide, instruct and inspire. Her stories show us what is possible and also speaks to the depth and breadth of her life and work experiences. *Collective Visioning* lays out a process for how people can begin to develop a deep sense of community and connection. Stout articulates the importance of a shared vision for individuals and groups who are seeking to take action from a place of joy and hope--working from a positive and proactive position rather than being steeped in negativity. It is written in a very accessible way so that youth groups, as well as national organizations, can make use of the knowledge and step-by-step process imparted by Stout. I love the fact that Stout's writing is grounded in her life experiences and the work of the communities she has touched. It is authentic, practical and empowering. I highly recommend this book. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. *Collective Visioning* is a true blessing! By Bonnie Tarses If you are reading my review, I have to say "Buy this book!" It is a must read, but it is so much more than a book. It is a road-map to the future you desire. *Collective Visioning* made me realize my art can become a vehicle for the betterment of my community. Linda has filled her book with many examples, diagrams and exercises that are imaginative, easy to follow and down to earth (a guide from vision to action) I just ordered 4 more copies: the perfect gift for my social change activist friends! *Collective Visioning: How Groups Can Work Together for a Just and Sustainable Future* (BK Currents (Paperback))

In far too many organizational meetings, equal speaking opportunity seldom results in equal say. Factors such as race, class, and personal history too often inhibit open dialogue within and among groups, which can lead to a sense of disenfranchisement within the organization, and subsequently, disillusionment with the movement. *Collective Visioning* is the first visioning method to address these hurdles in the organizing process and to fully enable members to share their opinions without hesitation. Linda Stout uses her background and her own personal experience of marginalization within the organizing community to show how trainers can be more mindful of the diversity of their members as they strive toward a common goal. The book features a clear, actionable, step-by-step process to set up and create a welcoming space for activist leaders to collaborate for positive change. Stout details ways in which trainers should reach out to different groups, listen to and understand needs and concerns of the group, create a welcoming space for all voices, foster agreements, ensure the visibility of all members.

About the Author Linda Stout grew up in North Carolina, daughter of a "mill-town girl" and a tenant farmer, later a mill worker. She was a 13th generation Quaker who grew up inspired by the Quakers' tradition of speaking up for their beliefs. She started the Piedmont Peace Project (PPP) in North Carolina in 1984. Winner of the National Grassroots Peace Award, she helped build the PPP into one of the strongest multi-racial, multi-issue low-income organizations in the state. After 10 years at PPP, she moved on in search of how to build power and do movement building at the national level. She moved to Massachusetts and directed a foundation, the Peace Development Fund, before starting a new organization, Spirit in Action, where she is now the director.