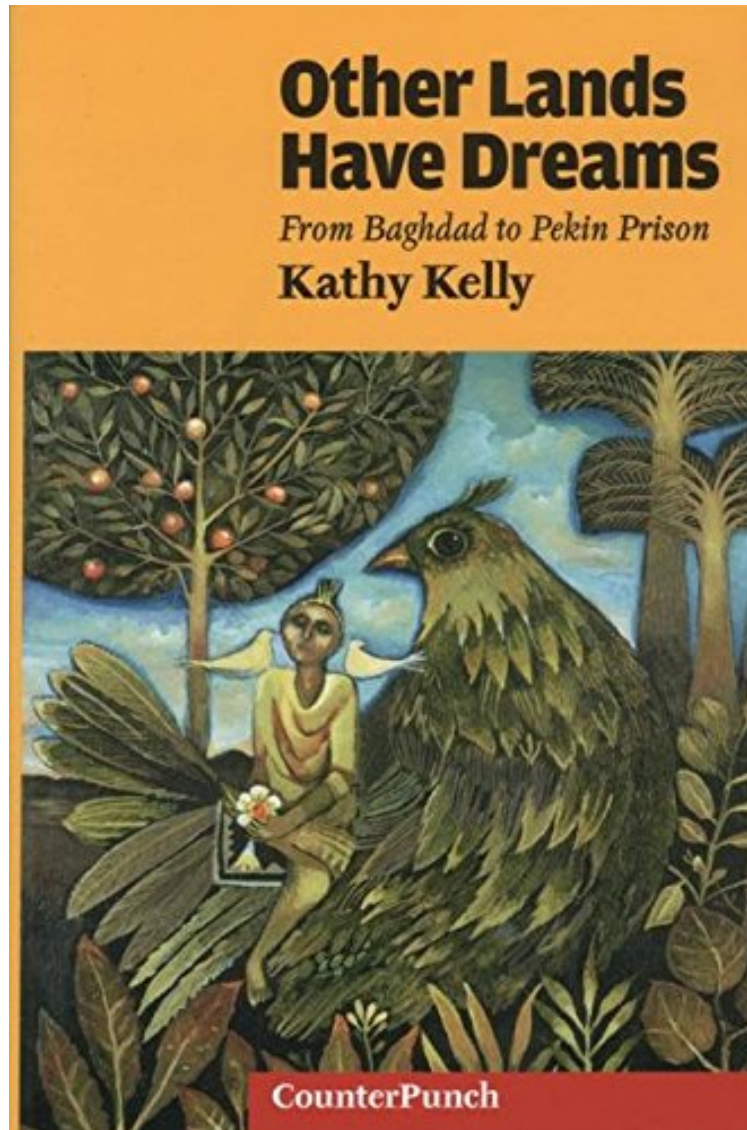


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**Kathy Kelly : Other Lands Have Dreams: Letters From Pekin Prison (Counterpunch)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Other Lands Have Dreams: Letters From Pekin Prison (Counterpunch):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Flip Side of the NewsBy P. J. SullivanThis book is a good antidote to the mainstream media. This is the American assault on Iraq without the spin, as witnessed by an unembedded

American who was there voluntarily, in solidarity with the local people. It is a cry of protest against what Americans are doing to the rest of the world, specifically to Iraq. The sanctions against Iraq were child abuse and child sacrifice. The United Nations is a battered woman bullied by the U.S. rogue superpower, the world's greatest killing machine, which has an unfortunate addiction to war making. The suffering the author relates is horrendous, and it is real. Americans need to know about it. This book is important because it exposes ongoing crimes that depend upon secrecy. Warfare is cruel stupidity, says the author. It is little children grinding their teeth in fear while surveying adult faces for reassurance. It is gut-wrenching explosions, mud, filth, exposure, sleep deprivation, uncertainty, despair and death. And the victims don't even know why they are being attacked! This book is authentic, written from inside the belly of the beast, an active war zone. From our abysmally failed foreign policies she proceeds to our abysmally failed prison system, as seen from the inside. She complains of absurdly long sentences, dehumanizing and cruel treatment, and disrespect for the family ties of inmates. Nonviolent lawbreakers are being scapegoated while lethal crimes in high places are ignored. She asks, are prisons necessary? And suggests alternatives, at least for nonviolent criminals. Not a comfortable read, but important. Although the sanctions are now history and the focus of American imperialism has shifted from Iraq, this book is by no means out-of-date. Would that it were!

10 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Class bkBy TrishNt sure, nt using it again 4 school7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. PowerfulBy J. BrenemanKathy Kelly and her fellow volunteers at VitW have shown that pacifism is not passive. With bravery and selflessness, they have shown compassion for all human beings, and worked hard to sound the cry for justice from the poor and the ignored. I firmly believe that Kelly and the rest of the tireless workers at Voices in the Wilderness deserve recognition for their bravery and dedication. While politicians waiver to special interest, and mislead the public towards violent and belligerent action, Kelly is a modern-day David bravely confronting Goliath despite the threat of (and actual sentences to) prison time. One question this book should raise in its reader is: "do I have the guts to stand up for human dignity and justice despite the threat of abuse and imprisonment, and without the machinery of war?".

In the spring of 2004, human rights activist Kathy Kelly, twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, was sent to Pekin Federal Prison for leading a protest at the School of the Americas. While in prison, Kelly's organization, Voices in the Wilderness, was targeted by a US State Department lawsuit charging that Kelly violated US-imposed sanctions when she took humanitarian aid to Iraq during numerous visits over the last five years. In this fiercely eloquent book, Kelly recounts such trips to Iraq, tells the largely unknown story of the School of the Americas and describes daily life inside a federal prison, where America's poor are warehoused. Like Martin Luther King's Letter from Birmingham Jail, Kelly's powerful narrative gives voice to the unheard millions suffering at home and abroad.

From the Inside Flap Advance Praise for Kathy Kelly's *Other Lands Have Dreams*: "Activists have always battled the odds... It's a long haul. It's step by step. As Mahalia Jackson sang out, 'We're on our way-not to Canaan Land, perhaps, but to the world as a better place than it was before. It's what Kathy Kelly and her Voices in the Wilderness project is all about. She is a direct descendant of Dorothy Day, who when asked why she was making so much trouble for the authorities answered simply, 'I'm working toward a world in which it would be easier for people to behave decently.'" Studs Terkel, author, *Hope Dies Last* "Other Lands Have Dreams provides insight into the heart and mind of an extraordinary woman known as Missiles in a U.S. Federal prison and recognized as an American friend in the slums of Baghdad and Basra. Kathy Kelly shows her love of others and her commitment to nonviolence by standing courageously with the ordinary yet threatened people of America, Haiti and Iraq. "She shows U.S. foreign policy to be what it is ugly, violent, tragic and intrusive. She undermines this violence by her quiet inner peace and with her own presence in American prisons, in Haitian squalor and in Iraqi slums. "She shares with readers the perception of a small Iraqi boy who unwittingly speaking for much of the world after the events of 9/11 said he was feeling badly about the attack, but thought that Americans did not understand what happens to other people when they are hit by American bombs. "Ms. Kelly has a unique way of educating us by having us understand, almost experience, the pain of others better. She has us look at ourselves, feel wanting, yet encouraged to do better and follow her relentless and non-violent lead." Dennis Halliday, former U.N. Humanitarian Coordinator to Iraq "On reading these accounts of death and cruelty, we might well lose hope, but we are saved by the other stories, often less told, which Kathy records in her book. Stories of the courage and resilience of the ordinary Iraqi men, women and children, who continue to maintain their human dignity and in spite of everything, yes, even in the midst of war, show kindness and hospitality to the strangers in their midst. "These stories of Kathy Kelly's life and work, touch our soul and renew our hope and belief in humanity. They inspire and challenge us to work for justice." Mairead Corrigan Maguire, Nobel Peace Laureate, 1976 About the Author Kathy Kelly, twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, is the founder of Voices In The Wilderness, a group dedicated to breaking the US embargo on Iraq by contributing humanitarian aid, and providing 'human shields' to protect against bombing. She is also a key organizer of the protests against the School of the Americas, for which she was imprisoned.