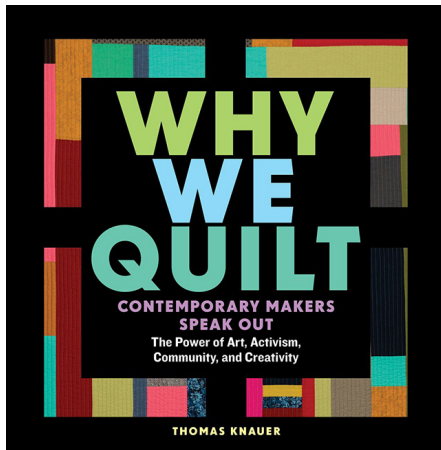


Why We Quilt

Contemporary Makers Speak Out About the Power of Art, Activism, Community, and Creativity

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Description

From temperance quilts to the quilts by the women of Gee's Bend, there's a rich history of individuals and communities using fabric and thread to connect with others and express themselves, both personally and politically. *Why We Quilt* blends bits of this history with the stories and work of today's leading quilters to highlight universal themes that resonate through this vibrant craft. Prize-winning quilter and teacher Thomas Knauer illuminates the compelling nature of this time-intensive, hands-on pursuit in today's world, with dozens of profiles and stunning photographs. Through his lively prose and thoughtful reflections, accompanied by insightful statements from the quilters themselves, he shares the many reasons why we quilt: to connect with tradition, explore and express our creativity, to make meaning in our lives, to express love and forge connection - and to change the world. Aspiring and skilled quilters, as well as general admirers of this age-old craft, will be intrigued and inspired by the stories and work of today's leading quiltmakers.

About the Author

A popular and inspiring teacher, Thomas Knauer began his career teaching design at Drake University before turning to quilting. He has designed fabrics for several leading manufacturers and his prize-winning quilts have been exhibited in quilt shows and museums across the country. He is the author of three books, including *The Quilt Design Coloring Workbook*.

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