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**COMMON PURPOSE:**  
Strengthening Families and Neighborhoods to Rebuild  
America  
by Lisbeth Schorr

*Common Purpose* deals more thoroughly than any book now in print with the social problems plaguing our nation, and points the way toward solutions. Research-based, practical and incisive, it is a landmark book, required reading for everyone concerned to reweave our rapidly unraveling social fabric.

– John W. Gardner

This terrific book helps all of us know what can be done about the staggering problems faced by children today. Lisbeth Schorr has carefully explored what does work and how to make it work for every child in our rich nation. Read and act on this important book.

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Lisbeth Schorr's book is a "must read" for everyone interested in improving the condition of families and children in our country. With its emphasis on how much we have learned and how much can be done, *Common Purpose* is a wonderful inspiration for all of us. It keeps my hope and my own dedication alive.

– T. Berry Brazelton, M.D.

This is a book full of hope and possibility -- an extraordinary account of what can be done, is being done, to make this a better, stronger, more decent and honorable nation -- a witness, really, to the practical idealism that every day gets affirmed, enacted in America.

– Robert Coles, M.D.

*Common Purpose* explores a social frontier that breaks traditional political boundaries and transforms our most challenged neighborhoods into communities of hope. The evidence is compelling, the message is clear: change is possible.

– Bill Bradley

This magnificent book must be read by responsible citizens across the political spectrum, by everyone who cares about kids and communities and especially by those who fear that nothing works and what's wrong cannot be fixed. Full of stories that put a human face on social issues, *Common Purpose* lays down a foundation of solid evidence upon which to set a shimmering vision of hope.

– Judith Viorst