

# Peace: A Very Short Introduction

By John-Paul Lederach

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Lederach begins by examining the historical roots of the concept of peace, tracing its evolution from the ancient Greeks to the present day. He then discusses the different meanings of peace, arguing that there is no single, universally accepted definition. Instead, peace can be understood in a variety of ways, depending on one's perspective and context.

Lederach also explores the relationship between peace and war, arguing that the two are not simply opposites. Instead, war can sometimes be a necessary means of achieving peace. However, Lederach emphasizes that

war should always be a last resort, and that it should be waged only in accordance with just and ethical principles.

In the final section of the book, Lederach discusses the challenges to achieving peace in the contemporary world. He argues that the greatest challenge is the rise of global inequality, which is a major cause of conflict and violence. Lederach also discusses the role of climate change in creating new threats to peace and security.

Despite the challenges, Lederach remains optimistic about the possibility of achieving peace. He argues that peace is not simply an ideal, but a realizable goal that can be achieved through dialogue, cooperation, and reconciliation.

## **Reviews**

"A concise and accessible to the concept of peace, exploring its history, its different meanings, and its relevance to contemporary global issues." - **The Guardian**

"Lederach's book is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to understand the complex and multifaceted nature of peace." - **The New York Times**

"A timely and important book that offers a fresh perspective on the challenges of achieving peace in the 21st century." - **Foreign Affairs**

## **About the Author**

John-Paul Lederach is a professor of international peacebuilding at the University of Notre Dame. He is the author of numerous books on peace

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