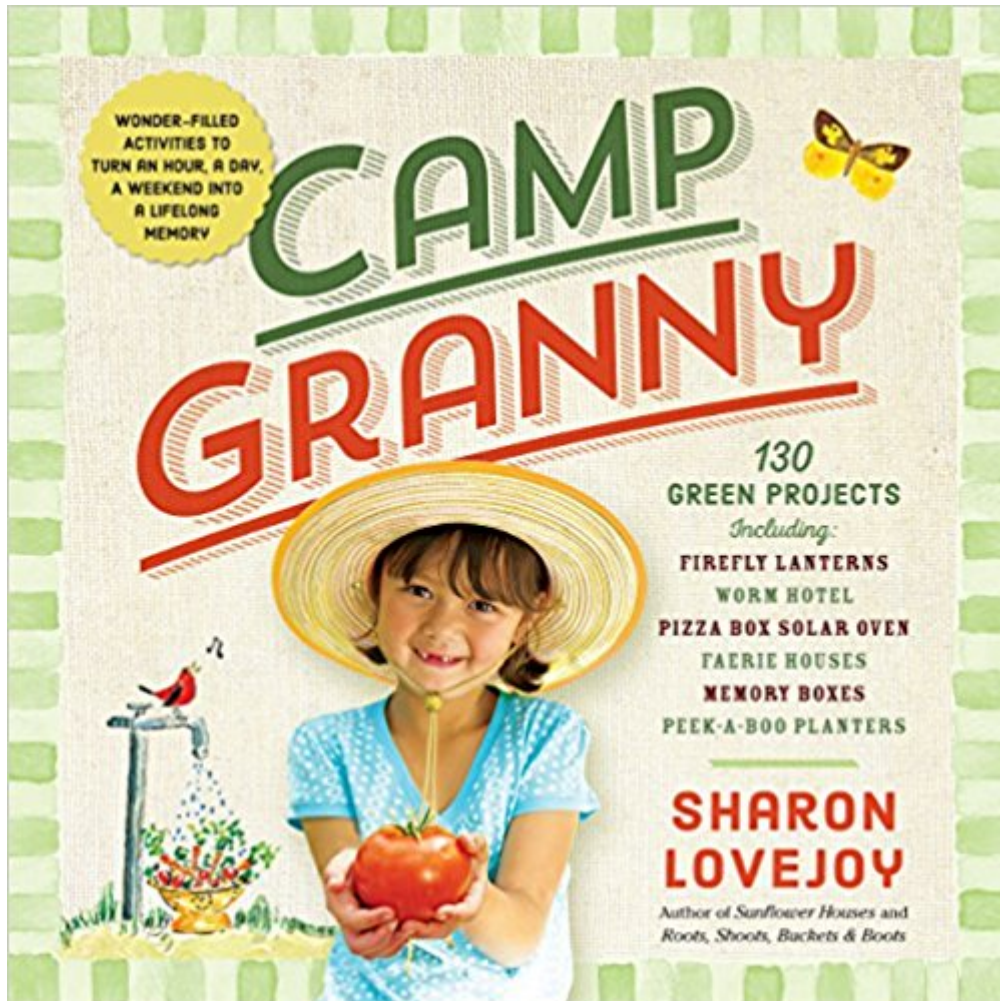




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# Camp Granny



## Synopsis

"For green grandparents everywhere and the young lives they touch." —RICHARD LOUV, AUTHOR OF LAST CHILD IN THE WOODS Make leaf rubbings, blow jumbo bubbles, bake Moon Pizzas, create a firefly lantern. More than an activity book, CAMP GRANNY is an interactivity book, filled with 130 projects that connect grandparents and grandchildren through nature—in the kitchen, the garden, and the art room. Illustrated with evocative photographs and the author's watercolors, CAMP GRANNY is a book about being adventurous, about being curious, about noticing and really seeing things—about instilling a lifelong sense of wonder. Please note: CAMP GRANNY was previously sold under the title Toad Cottages & Shooting Stars.

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## Customer Reviews

Sharon Lovejoy calls this treasure trove of crafts, recipes and activities "a natural outgrowth of the way I have always lived and interacted with children." Many of the ideas and projects originated from her journal notes and sketches. Who could resist a "Faeries Tea Party" where Heart- and Star-Shaped Faerie Sandwiches and Button Pie appear on the menu? Or building the title cottage for a toad and collecting leaves and flowers for a 3-D collage? More than 130 activities encourage an exploration of both the natural world and a child's imagination. Clear instructions, illustration and abundant photos make each project inviting, and a list of "ingredients" makes them manageable. "The book is about unplugging from electronics and plugging into adventures, projects, discoveries and the simplest pleasures of

childhood, says Lovejoy, "watching shooting stars, following animal tracks, creating art, and keeping family history and traditions alive." (Ages 6-10, adult) -Kirkus Reviews (Kirkus Reviews )

Make leaf rubbings, blow jumbo bubbles, bake Moon Pizzas and Granny-ola in a handmade solar oven, grow a snack pot of radishes and carrots, create a firefly lantern, and on a rainy day make rainsticks. Illustrated with evocative photographs and the author's watercolors, this magical book shows how to do 130 activities that connect grandmothers and grandchildren through nature in the kitchen, the garden, and the art room. Toad Cottages & Shooting Stars is more than an activity book; it's an interactivity book. It's about being curious, about being adventurous, about noticing and really seeing things, about instilling a sense of wonder. Sprinkled throughout are Mrs. Lovejoy's inventive grandparenting ideas that help make every visit a memorable one, filled with simple joys and discoveries that will have grandchildren coming back again and again.

Lots of excellent activities and ideas to encourage quality time with my grandchildren. Sharon Lovejoy reminds me how to think like a child again and see the world through their eyes, sadly something long forgotten for me.

Great tips for projects with kids. I write a weekly newspaper column and appreciate idea to suggest for parents and grandparents.

Oh, what a wonderful book! Beautiful photos, charming sketches, and a practical collection of tips and tricks from real (and real wise) grandmas! I was looking for something to share with my own mother, who is enjoying having her little granddaughter over for "sleepovers". This fits the bill perfectly. Some of the ideas - such as exploring creeks and building campfires - will likely not be a fit for the grandparent with limited mobility, but there are many gems in here that are usable for anyone, anywhere. Projects of all kinds are included, from momentary distractions to long-term projects - baking, gardening, playing, and just spending quality time together. This book is packed with memories to be made! The author's grandchildren are very lucky indeed, as are any grandchildren with a grandma who reads this book and puts it to use!

I own three of Sharon's Books and this one has been updated . She combines the use of photos

with her drawings. I prefer the drawings as find them very charming. This is a book that is very helpful for grandma's who like to entertain their grandbabies and spend more time doing things that involve them and keep them intellectually stimulated so it is a great little book of resources and very appealing. It is a book that brings joy to being a grandparent and also to the grandchildren. It has a ton of activities in it. The appealing aspect is that none are really difficult to do. It is a good follow up to her other book called Roots, Shoots and Buckets and Boots which is one of my favorites. I highly recommend both of these books if you are looking for ideas and also if you like to have a tangible book to look at and to read. For myself, I love to hold a book in my hands ....

I am in love with Sharon Lovejoy's books. I highly recommend them all. These are a collection of pretend-play ideas, outdoor discoveries, woodsy crafts, old fashioned games, and even some recipes that all help us meditate upon the forgotten luxury of simple living. Many of the activities guide you through the types of outdoor play you may have long forgotten since becoming a curmudgeonly old adult. Lovejoy makes fairies come alive again and mudpies seem like culinary masterpieces. There are various suggestions about how to create a cozy, child-friendly oasis within your home - stashing dress up clothes in a large trunk, keeping a large basket full of books in every room, bringing nature indoors. The illustrations throughout these books are so charming - watercolor sketches reminiscent of Beatrix Potter, which is perfectly suited to the content of the books. Visit my parenting blog for more great book recommendations similar to this one. [...]

I saw this wonderful book several years ago at a local garden center but had no reason to buy it. I recently ordered when I learned I was going to be a grandma. This book has great ideas for a grammy who loves nature, gardening and providing fun and unique experiences for their grandkids. It's 25 years since I've had a child under 5 so I've gotten out of the habit of creative fun. This book is a great guide.

My mom lives pretty far away from both of her grandgirls. She was ecstatic to receive this as a gift. It has tons of cute ideas including some fun things for grandparents to do when their grandchildren don't live near by. It is better for kids 5 and up but there are some cute ideas. For the baking/cooking ideas, the recipes are pretty easy to adapt for kids with food allergies which is always nice. I highly recommend this as a gift to give grandma or grandpa some cute, fun ideas on how to create a meaningful experience with their grandchildren when they come to visit.

This will be a favorite to share with my grandchildren. Sharon is a delightful person and it shows in her books. She truly wants you to be happy after reading her books. She gives her whole heart when compiling the material.

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