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The Beautiful Planet

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Marc Simont



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- This impassioned anti-war cartoon book by one of America's foremost illustrators answers again—in visual images and for different countries—the question posed by Norman Mailer 42 years ago in *Why Are We in Vietnam?*
- In other words, why are we half way around the world killing people who have done us no harm?
- Drawn from five decades of editorial cartooning
- Author Simont was awarded Hunter College's 2008 James Aronson Award for Social Justice Journalism as a "Cartoonist with a Conscience"
- Simont's work has been praised for having the artistic sensibility of a modern-day Hogarth, Grosz, or Juan Gris.

Marc Simont's cartoons are satiric dispatches from the front, beginning with Vietnam and ending in Iraq and Afghanistan (so far). His drawings capture the essence of a brooding Nixon, a smiling Reagan, a bland Bush One and a dumbfounded Bush Two as they prosecute their wars. Simont's fierce portrayals of representatives of the Military-Industrial Complex—from Kissinger to Rumsfeld to Negroponte and Cheney—are intimately linked to his passionate sympathy and indignation on behalf of all civilians, soldiers and prisoners who have suffered. Simont is continually struck by the majesty of the planet as it floats in space like a jewel. Will it survive?

About the Author

Born in Paris in 1915 of Catalonian parents, Marc Simont spent his childhood in France, Spain and the United States. In 1934 he settled in the United States, where he served in the army from 1943 to 1946. Marc has illustrated over a hundred books for such diverse authors as Margaret Wise Brown, Ruth Krauss, Alistair Cooke, Red Smith, and James Thurber. He has won the Caldecott Medal as well as two Caldecott Honors. Marc Simont's art is in collections as far afield as the Kijo Picture Book Museum in Japan. Marc was particularly touched when he was chosen by A.P.I.C. as Catalonia's Illustrator of the Year for 1997, and when he won the Good Egg Award from the Hughes Library in West Cornwall, Connecticut, where he lives.



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