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Winter Lights: A season in Poems and Quilts

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Reviewer: Gillian Streeter  
Reading Level: Primary, All  
Rating: Outstanding  
Genre: Picture Books; Poetry;  
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Mankind yearns for light and warmth during wintry time--decorations, songs, and even holidays celebrate light. *Winter Lights* portrays holidays in winter that use and celebrate light with unique illustrations. Each two-page spread illustration is a quilt, carefully sewn to depict images of fireplaces, candles, a Christmas tree, moonlight, lanterns, and even an aurora borealis. Alongside the picture is a short poem about the image. The last three pages of the book detail how the quilts were made and the inspiration for the images the quilts depict. Different quilting techniques are also described.

Hines is evenhanded in her attention to many different winter holidays, including Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas, Solstice, Chinese New Year, and St. Lucia's Day. Other more universal winter scenes, such as moonlit snow are also shown. This book would be most interesting to a quilter, but because of its intricate illustrations and simple poems it will appeal to most readers. The author lists sources for the quilting techniques used and her website address at the book's end.