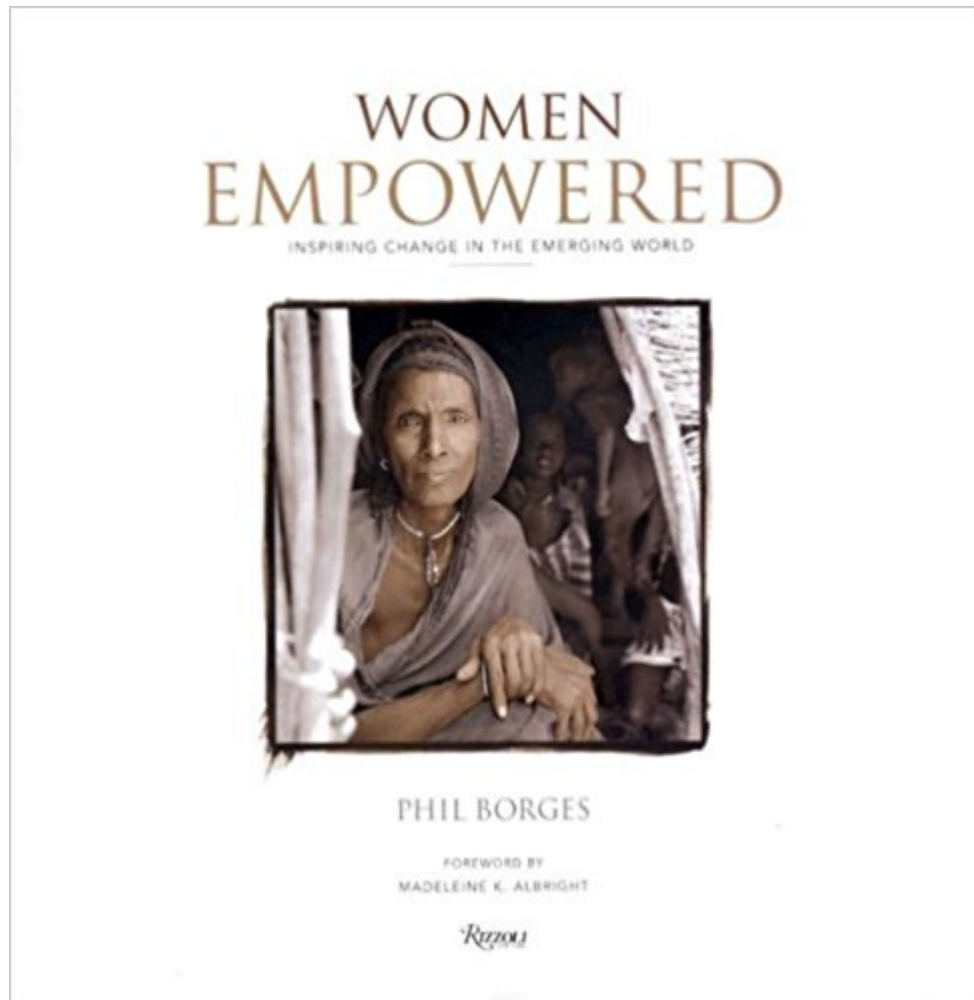




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Women Empowered: Inspiring Change In The Emerging World



Synopsis

The accomplishments of ordinary women in developing and war-ravaged countries who have broken through the barriers of oppression to make a positive difference in their communities is brilliantly told through radiant photography and riveting profiles. The heroic examples set by these women, whose bravery and determination enabled them to move beyond victimization to leadership, speak to the universal themes of courage, empowerment, and human rights. As part of CARE's campaign to empower women everywhere, *Women Empowered* reveals how determined women of all ages have effectively turned their struggles into triumphs.

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"stunning book" "lovely and powerful book" -- 03/15 SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE "a book of exquisite portrait photography" -- Jul MORE MAGAZINE "stunning coffee-table book." "On a lighter note, we feel it's no coincidence that 'Borges' rhymes with 'gorgeous' - an apt description of his important work." -- Apr SEATTLE MAGAZINE Apr SEATTLE MAGAZINE "Though his new project is about other heroes, Borges is one of ours because he has the ability to find an uplifting angle on stories many other photographers tell in hopelessly grim detail." -- May AMERICAN PHOTO "beautifully documented" -- Jun TOWN & COUNTRY

Phil Borges, an award-winning Seattle-based photographer and writer, documents indigenous and tribal cultures. His books include *Tibetan Portrait: The Power of Compassion and Enduring Spirit*. The recipient of numerous photography and humanitarian awards, Borges has hosted television

documentaries for the Discovery Channel and National Geographic. His photography has been exhibited widely and is in numerous museum collections.

This is an excellent book. I have purchased it twice now as gifts for two women, former physicians of mine who were leaving their practices. One to pursue motherhood full-time the other to practice orthopedic surgery in Myanmar where her patients will not have the ability to pay. Both noble causes, both noble women. This book is empowering as it describes the subjects of these portraits own journeys of empowerment.

Very inspirational and moving book on women and children in the developing world. How many have risen up against the tide of a male dominated society and achieved goals, both individually for themselves and for their communities. Their moving stories are told through the photographs of Phil Borges, a master fine art photographer and paragraph descriptions of the women/girls he photographed and met. Highly recommend this book, beautiful photos and a fine introduction by Madeline Albright.

I had the chance to see this exhibit in Louisville a couple years back, and it was amazingly beautiful. The book is amazing.

Of all of Borges books, this I think is the best for showing his photographic style and its development. In his other books the look can be similar throughout, but in this he has obviously developed his style through the period of the work. I especially like the "wide screen" 16:9 ratio shots as they give a fantastic feeling of space and an interesting change to the square format that he has previously used.

I love the photography of Phil Borges. The books are great and serve a great purpose. I have purchased anything with his photography and I never tire of experiencing the different cultures through his eyes. Amazing books.

I was familiar with Phil Borges' photography and knew I'd like this book, but it exceeded all my expectations. The photographs speak for themselves, and the text is inspiring and enlightening. I plan to purchase this book for all my family and friends. It is a beautiful book, full of hope and compassion.

This photo book really touches the heart. The photos along with brief synopsis really makes one think about the plight of women around the world. I highly recommend this coffee-table book. It will inspire you to take action.

In the introduction to this handsome book, Madeleine Albright says, "This is a book about hope, based on reality." It surely is exactly that. Borges' photographs of women (and a few men) living in mostly impoverished villages in several parts of the globe show people who are nevertheless rich in spirit. They are rich in courage, and the capacity to innovate. The stories related in *Women Empowered* are short, some little more than snippets. But those snippets introduce readers to women whose actions make us say, "That's incredible!" I'm tempted to describe each women's experience here, but will settle for just one that seems too amazing to be true, yet I believe it. When Abay was eleven years old, she ran away from her Ethiopian village when her mother insisted she follow the custom of being circumcised. Abay found shelter with a relative in a different village, and eight years later, returned. After another five years she persuaded a woman to let her photograph a circumcision ceremony, and then somehow got a committee of elders to watch it. Horrified, they called a special meeting, and after a vote of fifteen to one, they banned the ceremony. One elder said, "Now that I have seen this film, I could never let my granddaughter go through this ceremony." A woman who had performed the ceremonies hundreds of times, now supports the change. She says, "We did the circumcisions because that is what had always been done. we were in the dark house and did not know." Abay's story no longer belongs just to her. The ramifications of her actions are wide, and there have been more than I can record here. The photographs and text bring home the impact one individual can make. They illustrate the power of one person determined to change the world by shining light on one oppressive practice and then another. Anyone who longs for a lift in her spirits will find it in this book.

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