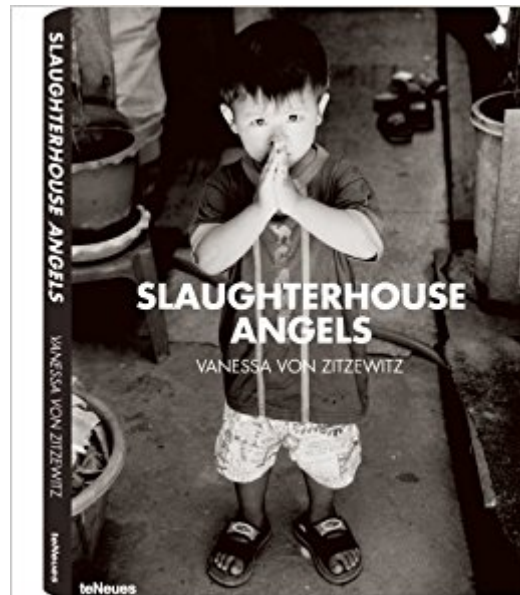




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Synopsis

The HUMAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION's Mercy Center was established 1973 in Bangkok's slaughterhouse district. It is home to about 200 street children, orphans, and children living with HIV as well as a kindergarten and pre-school. Spending two months a year in the center over the last four years, photographer Vanessa von Zitzewitz has documented the children's struggles and joys in her moving black and white images. This book is a tribute to the Center's founder, Father Joseph H. Maier, and his work over the past 36 years.

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Customer Reviews

Amazing photography. The desperation of those depicted can be felt with each view. It is heartbreaking to know children are forced to live in the conditions shown - and that the world can allow it to go on. After viewing the book, one feels truly humbled. It compels the realization of all that we have and all that is taken for granted.

I know Krung Thep - for Tourists better known as Bangkok - and I know Klong Toey, too. And I fervently support the Human Development Organisation, help with whatever I can, to give those kids to eat and drink, clothes and - maybe - a schooling, too. When somebody writes - yes, yes, nice kids, so easy to win - but the fotos are amateurish, the grain's too gross - more light here, some less there - that is an outrageous insult to this masterpiece! Maybe setting up something in a studio to catch the faces or bodies better, would make it a better book ??? People like that would for sure

have made a complain on Dr Albert Schweitzer's gown being not perfectly whiter-than-white, or that Madre Theresa would have worked better in an golden-purple sari in the slums - so that way their portaits would have been much more colorful?No - Ms Vanessa von Zitzewitz has done EVERYTHING RIGHT!Here is no glamour and no tricks and wits - here everyone interested can see the whole truth about the Klong Toey Slums, the children and the Foundation!This book is a pure homage to the people who are working day and night, over decades now to give those children a hint of a chance!This picture book is perfekt - and maybe one tourist or an other doesn't run immediately to Soi Cowboy or Nana Plaza in hunt of children or teenager ... because it's there where these kids will arrive at the end, if nobody helps!To whom it may interest: Father Joe has written his own book and it is available now:Â The Open Gate of MercyÂ where he gives plain insight in the stories of many of the children of Klong Toey - "The Slaughterhouse Angels" ...Die "Schlachthaus-Engel" an den Toren der Hoelle ...Auch ich kenne Krung Thep - Touristen besser als Bangkok bekannt, und auch Klong Toey. Auch ich bin eine Unterstuetzerin der Human Development Organisation, helfe - wie Tausende anderer, diesen Kindern Nahrung, Kleidung und eventuell eine Schulausbildung zukommen zu lassen.Hier zu schreiben - ja, ja, die Kindlein sind suess, leicht zu gewinnen etc. - das ist der blanke Hohn! Aber die Fotos, die haette man/frau besser stellen koennen.In einem Fotostudio vielleicht?Haetten Kritiker an der "Koernung" der Fotografie eines Dr. Albert Einsteins eventuell bemeckert, dass sein Aerztekitel nicht weisser-als-weiss war. Oder dass Mutter Theresa in den Slums von Indien doch besser einen Golden-Purpurnen Sari getragen haette - Beide waeren dann in Fotos besser "herausgekommen".Nein - Frau von Zitzewitz hat ALLES richtig gemacht.Hier gibt es keine Glamour und keine Trickfotografie!Das Werk ist authentisch und eine Hommage an all diejenigen, die seit Jahrzehnten helfen, die Lage dieser Kinder zu bessern.Perfekt - um sich menschliches Elend vor Augen fuehren zu koennen und nicht gleich wieder nach Soi Cowboy oder Nana Plaza auf Kinder- oder Teenager-Jagd zu gehen...Denn DORT enden diese Kinder weenn ihnen nicht geholfen wird!Wen es interessiert, Father Joe hat nun auch sein eigenes Buch herausgebracht:Â The Open Gate of Mercy, in dem er seine und die Geschichten der Kinder erzaehlt, dieser "Schlachthaus-Engel"!

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