

Paola Gianturco Biography

Summary

For the past 16 years, Paola Gianturco has worked as a photojournalist, documenting women's lives in 55 countries.

powerHouse Books has published five of her acclaimed photographic book.

And all are philanthropic projects, for which she donates her royalties to carefully selected nonprofit organizations that relate to each book's content.

Paola's fifth book, [*Grandmother Power: A Global Phenomenon*](#) reveals a new international activist grandmother movement. The book features 120 activist grandmothers in 15 countries on five continents who are fighting courageously and effectively--against poverty, disease, illiteracy, environmental degradation and human rights abuse—to create a better world for grandchildren everywhere.

Gianturco is giving 100% of her author royalties from this book to the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which benefits grandmothers raising AIDS orphans in 15 African countries.

Grandmother Power won ForeWord Review's 2012 Book of the Year Award for Women's Studies, the 2013 International Book Award for Multicultural Nonfiction, and About.com's 2013 Readers' Choice award for Favorite Grandparenting Book.

Paola's photographs have appeared in *Marie Claire*, *Essence Magazine*, *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Business Week*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Christian Science Monitor*, and the *Washington Post*, among others.

Paola has been a guest on The Oprah Winfrey Show, CNN, NPR and Voice of America programs as well as many other television and radio programs across the country and around the world.

Her work has been exhibited by the United Nations-New York; UNESCO-Paris; the US Senate Russell Rotunda; The Field Museum, Chicago; The Smithsonian Folklife Festival, Washington DC; the International Museum of Women, the Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco and the San Jose Museum of Art among others.

Paola has lectured all over the country, including The Peabody Museum, The National Museum of Women in the Arts, The Smithsonian Renwick Gallery and the American Craft Museum.

Specialties

Intimate images and stories of inspiring women all over the world; photojournalist, documentary photographer, author, speaker, women's advocate.

Other Books by Paola:

Paola's previous book, *Women Who Light the Dark* (2007), showcases 23 inspiring women-led groups in 15 countries who are using creativity to tackle the intractable problems that darken women's lives. Royalties benefit the Global Fund for Women (<http://www.globalfundforwomen.org>)

To learn more and purchase *Women Who Light the Dark* visit:
www.womenwholightthedark.com

In 2006, Gianturco co-authored with David Hill, *¡Viva Colores! A Salute to the Indomitable People of Guatemala*, which met with critical acclaim. *¡Viva Colores!* explodes with images and stories of 41 inspiring Guatemalans who experience color as an expression of valor and meaning. Royalties benefit The PAVA Foundation. (<http://www.pavafoundation.org>)

To learn more and purchase *¡Viva Colores!* visit: <http://www.vivacolores.com/>

Her book, *Celebrating Women* (2004) features 17 festivals in 15 countries on 5 continents that celebrate women's achievements, roles, rites of passage, and spiritual lives. *Celebrating Women* was the subject of the first exhibit ever curated by the International Museum of Women and was exhibited by the Field Museum in Chicago in 2008 where it was seen by 195,000 visitors. Author royalties benefit the International Museum of Women. (www.imow.org)

To learn more about and purchase *Celebrating Women* visit:
www.celebratingwomen.com

Paola is also the co-author/photographer, with Toby Tuttle, of the best-seller, *In Her Hands: Craftswomen Changing the World*. (2000) *In Her Hands* profiles 90 women artisans in 12 countries who are making and selling handicrafts in order to feed and educate their children. The book supports Aid to Artisans (<http://www.aidtoartisans.org/>) and five other nonprofits.

To learn more and purchase *In Her Hands* visit: www.herhands.com

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