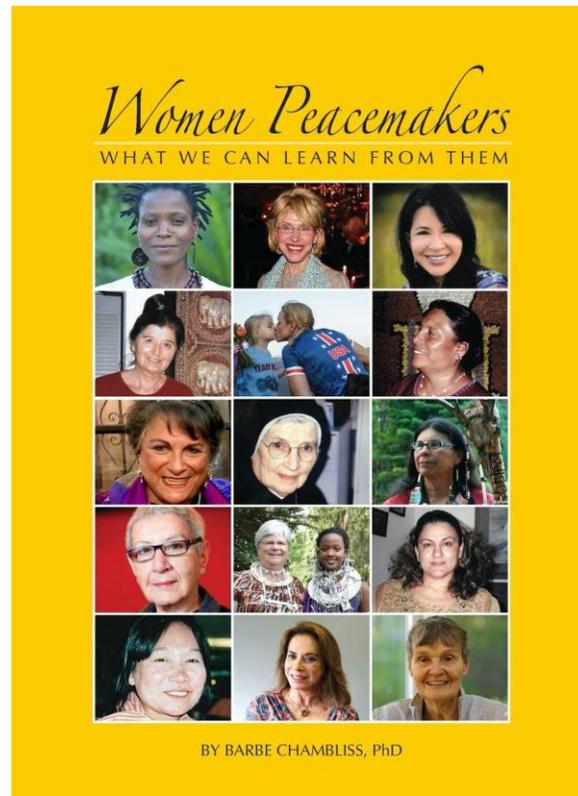


ABOUT THE BOOK:



In a world framed by digital screens and talking heads, fifteen women quietly invited Barbe Chambliss into their lives to share intimate conversations about how they make peace. Sparked by a curiosity about how peace is actually created, this mediator and psychotherapist from Colorado zigzagged the globe to interview a willing pool of peacemakers where they live.

Chambliss shares the remarkable stories of this wildly diverse cadre of women change agents, from an Israeli soldier to an Irish nun, a Clan Mother to an ex-princess, a paralyzed Olympic skier to a young Zimbabwean orphan who now directs the esteemed Future of Hope Foundation.

We see individual tactics meld into a pool of common strategies for crafting genuine peace. Chambliss calls them “Lessons Learned from the Peacemakers,” offering them as practices that anyone can integrate into daily life to foster individual and communal peace. She invites each reader to commit to doing one or more acts of peacemaking and then share their results with her, ultimately expanding these fifteen stories into multiples stories of peacemaking by neighbors, by refugees, by prisoners, by environmentalists and all manner of diverse sources.

This book is both a deeply entertaining read and a guidebook, crafted by inspiration and calling to everyone on earth who is willing to be counted among the ranks of Conscious Peacemakers.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:



Barbe Chambliss is a therapist and mediator. She directed the volunteer Center for Conflict Resolution in Aspen, Colorado. She has taught mediation to over 500 children and adults in rural Colorado schools. She facilitates Restorative Justice Circles in her community.

Chambliss' PhD dissertation, entitled *Contemporary Women Peacemakers: The Hidden Side of Peacemaking*, ignited three decades of interviews with more than 50 women throughout the world exploring the nuts and bolts of how peace is actually made. Shortly after the terrorist attacks in New York City, she compiled and distributed [A Working Compendium of Nonviolent Responses to 9/11](#) and later served as a therapist on a U.S. military base to better understand the human dynamics of converting citizens to soldiers. Her work is an ongoing exploration into the practice of peacemaking, which she defines as people treating each other with equal respect.

Midway in this journey she volunteered as a counselor in a Croatian camp providing safe haven for 80 children who had barely survived the Bosnian War. This changed everything for her. Upon returning home, it became clear her goal was now to wake up the conscious peacemaker in as many people as possible, including herself.

Chambliss is a fourth-generation Coloradan. She'd rather sleep under the stars than beneath a roof, and revels in being outdoors in all seasons of her beloved Rocky Mountains. She recharges her soul and does her best writing at her yurt, perched 8,000 feet high on the edge of an alpine meadow she shares with a herd of elk, a chorus of coyotes and family of pesky marmots. For fun she sings in a Cowboy Corral and plays in a marimba ensemble.

SOME WAYS TO READ THIS BOOK:

1. Begin by going to the website; <http://barbechamblissauthor.com>. It is fun, interactive, and will paint the broad scope of the book's flavor for you.
2. Then there's the traditional way: nestled in the quiet of your favorite reading space, starting with the Foreward and proceeding through Chapter 17. Enjoy the stories, the art work, the powerful quotes sprinkled throughout. Save some special time to read the 1½ pages of Chapter 18. Give yourself time to think carefully about the Invitation in this chapter. Then do the next right thing .
3. Read or listen to this book together...with your partner, your children, your new acquaintance from Match.com, your elderly relative in lock-down in a nursing home (then discuss the chapters by phone.) it offers an uplifting way to wait out COVID and possibly some ideas for new habits for your post-COVID self.
4. Read the book backwards, beginning with Chapter 17, then reading the chapters in descending order until you read the Forward. Finally, read Chapter 18.

SOME REVIEWS OF THE BOOK:

- The Peacemakers in your work have certainly inspired me to make positive change in my life moving forward! [Daniel B.](#)

I was very surprised by the ways in which the author has illustrated the effects of "Women Peacemakers" around the world. Broaden your view of what makes peace to include the basic necessities of life, the caste systems that hold back some of the world's most able and willing practitioners, and generational traditions that no longer belong in today's societies. The chapters read like novels but educate like college texts. In both written and audio formats, the author has made a major contribution to understanding the wisdom and power of women who have made a difference through their caring, energy and determination. It was a good read. [Larry B.](#) – Octogenarian

- As Dr. Chambliss artfully recounts the riveting stories of fifteen women peacemakers from five continents, the reader comes to realize, "If that woman can empower herself to make a positive difference in the world given those obstacles, I can make a difference too." [Dorothea Bonneau](#) - Award-winning author, produced playwright, optioned screenwriter
- In "Women Peacemakers," Barbe Chambliss has written a moving and inspirational work that will touch the hearts of all readers, women and men alike. [Andrew Adleman, MA](#)