

PRAISE FOR
From Outrage to Courage

“Anne Firth Murray is one of America’s best public intellectuals. From *Outrage to Courage* focuses on the social and health conditions of the world’s poorest women—a neglected topic, even in the feminist literature. She examines the strength and resilience of unknown but exemplary women as they struggle to transform their lives and societies. Ms. Murray is one of those rare writers able to link individual experience—the stories of real women facing very real problems—and the structural constraints against which they must struggle.

“She has decades’-long experience in linking disparate worlds: the world of the affluent (which has generated its own, sometimes blinkered feminism) and that of the poor (where women face very different challenges). She has bridged this gap in ways that few others have. Her writing is never the dry language of the academic sociologist, but the vibrant writing of a scholar in touch with the everyday dilemmas of women living in, and struggling against, poverty.

“*Outrage to Courage* is informed by long experience, vibrant in detail, and accessible to the general public.”

—Paul Farmer, MD, PhD Professor, Harvard Medical School, author,
Women, Poverty and Aids: Sex, Drugs and Structural Violence

“This book brings together a review of most of the major issues that have engaged the global women’s movement over the last three decades. Seeking to “make injustice visible” Anne Firth Murray locates her analysis in the experience of grassroots women and the issues that affect their lives, including persistent poverty, unequal access to food, education, health care and money and pervasive violence against women. Throughout, she looks at the power of women’s activism, going beyond victimhood to agency to bring about social change.”

—Noeleen Heyzer, Former Executive Director, United Nations Development Fund
for Women (UNIFEM)

“In her passionate and thought-provoking book, Anne Firth Murray documents the tremendous discrimination and inequities poor women face in the developing world at every stage of life. These injustices are manifested in high rates of deaths and illnesses and unequal access to food, health care, education and employment. Interwoven throughout the book are inspiring stories of courageous women who are joining forces to fight for human rights and build the foundation for a brighter future.”

—Elizabeth Maguire, President and CEO of Ipas and former Director of
USAID’s Office of Population

“Anne Firth Murray has done the near impossible in taking a critically important topic—the health of women in poor countries—which has been dealt with in a limited, fragmented, piecemeal fashion and given us a passionate, coherent, shocking, truthful engaging and utterly persuasive story that should turn your view of women in poor countries in the right direction. The book will make you sad, it will make you angry, but it will also give you hope because of the courage and actions of women in poor countries throughout the world. This book should be read and widely shared by anyone concerned about justice and our world.”

—Philip Lee, MD, Professor of Social Medicine (Emeritus) and Senior Advisor,
Institute for Health Policy Studies, School of Medicine, UCSF

“Anne Firth Murray’s book gives us a moving and insightful perspective on the challenges and triumphs of women working across the globe to ensure that most basic of human rights—good health. Her stories of women’s creativity and courage in mobilizing to ensure equal access to healthcare are inspiring and hopeful. This is a book about one of the most critical subjects of our time. Read it.”

—Kavita N. Ramdas, President and CEO The Global Fund For Women

“Anne Firth Murray is an inspiration. As Stanford’s foremost authority on international women’s health and human rights issues, she has inspired a generation of students to “think big” and take action for a brighter future for women globally. This book is a must-read for every future leader of our time.”

—Lee Trope, founder and director of the thinkBIG conference on International
Women’s Health and Human Rights

“Anne Firth Murray provides a broad, comprehensive survey of global women’s health that is grounded in local and personal stories. While detailed accounts of the devaluing of women at every stage in the life cycle provoke outrage, the efforts to redress underlying economic, educational, and medical inequalities inspire courage. This book clearly documents why human rights movements must always address women’s rights.”

—Estelle B. Freedman, Professor, Stanford University Author of *No Turning Back: The History of Feminism and the Future of Women*