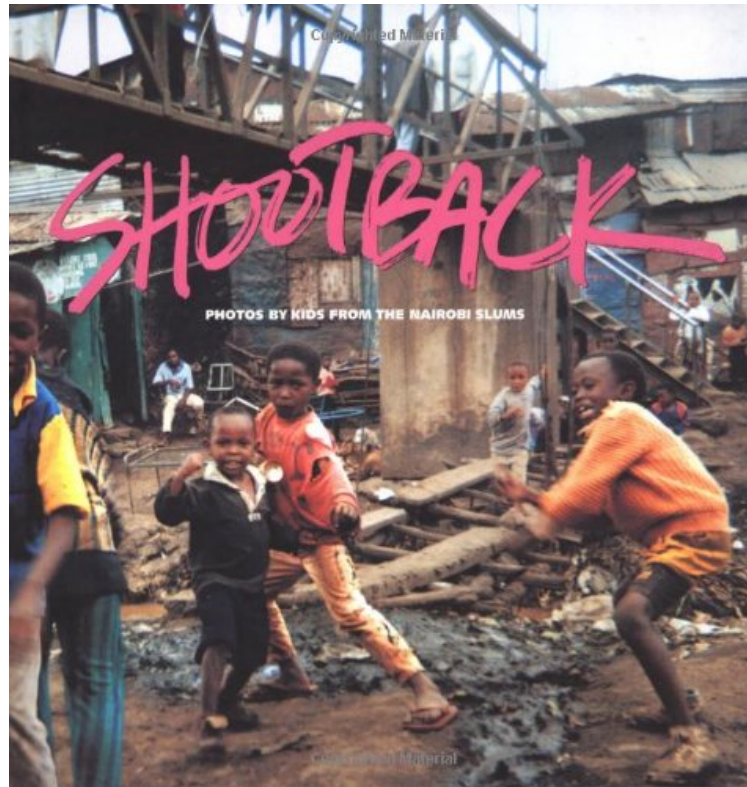


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Incredible.By KMIIntense, graphic, artistic, authentic and shocking, this photo book captures life in a Kenyan slum through the eyes of the kids who live there. Having visited a slum in Kenya, this is a very realistic glimpse of everyday life there amidst the debris, daily tragedy, sickness, crime, and poverty. BUT, it also tells the story of children and families who are unbelievably resilient and manage to find some hope and happiness despite where they are. Having dear friends who grew up in a slum there and who got lucky one way or another to find a way out to receive a solid education and now good jobs, I know that the kids in this book who may seem to have no futures, could rise and shine if given the chance. A must read for all of us if we want to know how millions of people around the world live, and how we might make healthier and brighter futures possible for them.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great and eye-opening book!By S. RogersI first saw this book while I lived in Kenya and I thought it was a great pictorial of life in the slums of Narobi, as I witnessed first-hand.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Shootback: candid, challenging and inspiringBy Owen WillisHaving myself written academically on Mathare Youth Sports Association (MYSA), the organization out of which this initiative originated, I am thrilled that Shootback: Photos by Kids from the Nairobi Slums has appeared on the North American website of .com. This is an absorbing and thought-provoking book that challenges the way we (North

Americans) view the world. A lot of hard work has gone into this labor of love by Lana Wong and her brave band of photographers, and it shows. MYSA, by anyone's standards, is a remarkable organization, and this is a remarkable book. Seldom is the dictum: "A picture is worth a thousand words" more appropriate. Shootback provides a candid window into hard places and hard times, but never loses hope, because it is framed through the eyes and described in the words of young people. The book is far more than the sum total of its photographs. Rarely do slum dwellers -- even less the children of the slum -- get to tell us the story of their lives and communities. Shootback therefore provides an insider's view of a slum community with all its energy and resilience. I heartily recommend a wonderful book. Prepare to be both troubled and inspired!

The photographs in this book were taken by the Shootback Team, a group of 31 kids, aged twelve to seventeen, from Nairobi, Kenya. They live in Mathare, one of the largest and poorest slums in Africa. Two years ago, these kids had never held a camera. Today, their photographs are exhibited, published and collected around the world. Equipped with \$30 plastic cameras, the Shootback Team has been photographing their lives, and writing about them since September 1997. Through their own words and pictures, this book tells their story.