

CAMBODIAN GRRRL: SELF-PUBLISHING IN PHNOM PENH

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Imagine a country whose young women are systemically denied education, whose media are largely state-controlled, and whose genocidal history has been virtually purged from its citizens' collective memory. Now imagine an itinerant feminist writer, former punk, artist, and independent media-maker arriving to give 32 young women the deceptively simple independent publishing tools they need to tell their stories—and, in the process, to become powerful advocates for their own rights and for the just future of their country. *Cambodian Grrrl* offers a compelling and spirited model of what is possible when media-making becomes a community endeavor. Don't understand why media is a human rights issue? You will by the end of Anne Elizabeth Moore's latest effort.

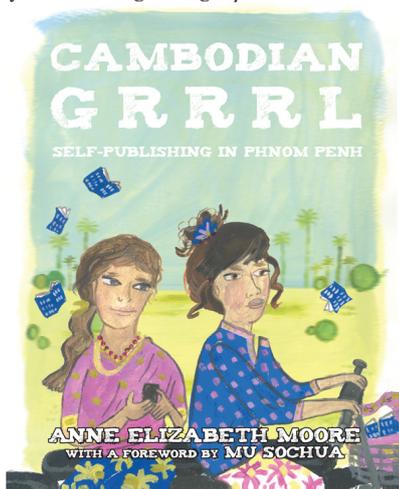
—Jennifer L. Pozner, executive director of *Women in the Media and News*

An improbable little traveller's tale that becomes a surprisingly complex and moving portrait of a people's resilience in the face of an unimaginable historical tragedy. *Cambodian Grrrl* is fierce, charming, impassioned, and humane.

—Lee Sandlin, literary critic of the *Wall Street Journal*

A passionate, engaging, heartbreaking, funny, and inspiring book. I want to slip it into every tourist guide to Asia and give a copy to every girl in the world.

—Jean Kilbourne, creator of the "Killing Us Softly: Advertising's Image of Women" film series



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—Jacksonville Public Library

Anne Elizabeth Moore is the ultimate travel companion. She doesn't just squeeze us into her luggage—she lets readers peer right over her shoulder as she attempts the implausible. Turns out, the implausible is hard, and funny, tragic, and illuminating, but once you sign up for the journey she never lets you look away (because she never did). Be forewarned, after reading what this woman accomplished in a few months, you might just ask yourself some hard questions about how you spent last summer . . .

—Glynn Washington, host of NPR's *Snap Judgment*

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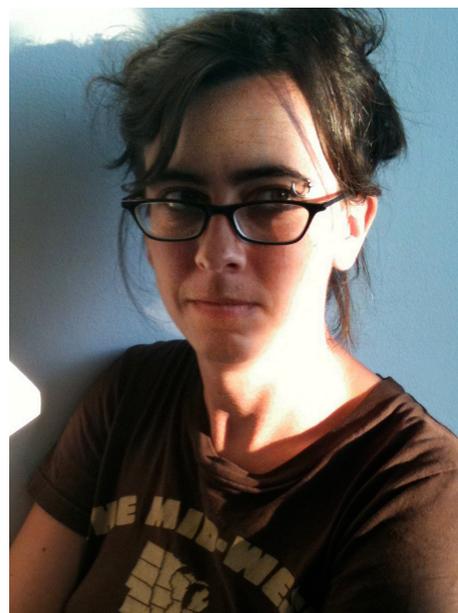
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