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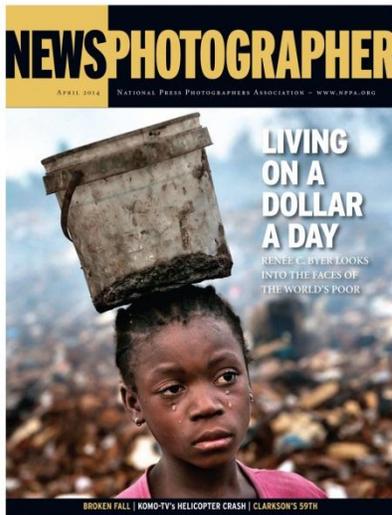
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Renée C. Byer's New Book "Living On A Dollar A Day"

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Renée C. Byer's new book "Living On A Dollar A Day" graces cover of this month's News Photographer magazine. Photographs by Renée C. Byer-Sacramento Bee

DURHAM, NC (April 15, 2014) – Photojournalist Renée C. Byer's new book "Living On A Dollar A Day" is the cover story of this month's News Photographer magazine.

The book's foreword was written by the Dalai Lama, who said:

"While situations and surroundings are different, people everywhere are more the same than different. All human beings, from the very rich to the very poor, anywhere in the world, all wish to be happy and to avoid suffering. Unfortunately, more than one billion of the world's people live

in extreme poverty, defined by the World Bank as those who live on less than \$1.25 per day."

And in the book's Afterword, Byer wrote:

"People are dying. People are suffering for no reason.

"There are enough resources in this world for everyone.

"Why does this still exist?"

"Even after traveling the globe, visiting 10 countries on four continents to put human faces on the issue of global poverty, I cannot fully answer that question. But I did learn one extraordinary truth: the human spirit transcends even the worst deprivation. And if we hope to change it, we must connect at that most human level."

In his review of Byer's book, journalism professor Stephen Wolgast wrote, "Taking in these images should make anyone feel pity for the families who struggle with the kind of poverty that is a life sentence. These are important photographs of a terrible condition we should try to help correct."

Byer is a staff photojournalist for The Sacramento Bee and she is married to photojournalist Paul Kitagaki Jr. Byer won the Pulitzer Prize for Feature Photography in 2007 for her documentary picture story about a single mother and her young son as he lost his battle with cancer.

Today Byer's photography from the book is also featured on National Geographic's PROOF photography blog, which is online here.