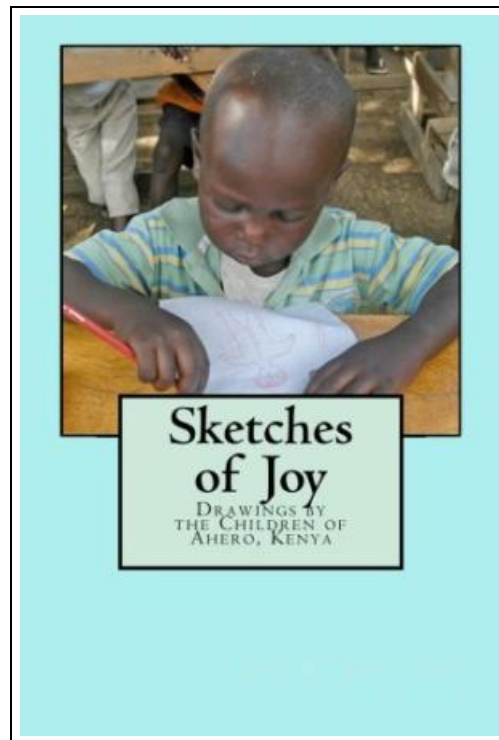


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Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.In 2004 Bie Bostrom went to the town of Ahero, Kenya as a Peace Corps volunteer. After a long and successful career as a professional photographer-and after the loss of her husband-Bostrom, in her early 60s, opted for service. Ahero was a place of mud huts and minimal conveniences-no running water, no electricity. Bostrom s official job was Small Enterprise Development. But after living in the town for a time, she began to notice an unusual phenomenon: Many kids were living with their grandmothers. It turned out that a significant portion of the in-between generation, the parents, had died of HIV/AIDS. Bostrom took on the project of improving the quality of life for this group: finding ways to keep them healthy, to promote economic independence, and to provide educational opportunities for the grandchildren. She spent two years working in Ahero. Upon returning home, she knew that her work was unfinished. She started a nonprofit, appropriately named Grandmothers raising Grandchildren (GrG). This organization focuses on several projects: Providing goats and chickens for the families; creating water-supply locations; raising money for basic needs, including mosquito nets; providing supplies such as flour, cooking oil, and soap; buying clothes and shoes, including school uniforms for the children. Sketches of Joy is a book of kids drawings that Bostrom has collected during her stays in Ahero. The significance of these drawings is self-evident: Kids expressing themselves by creating pictures of the life they know. Profits from the sale of this collection go directly to Bostrom s organization Grandmothers raising Grandchildren. As you enjoy these drawings, you ll know that you ve also helped to support Bostrom s work.

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