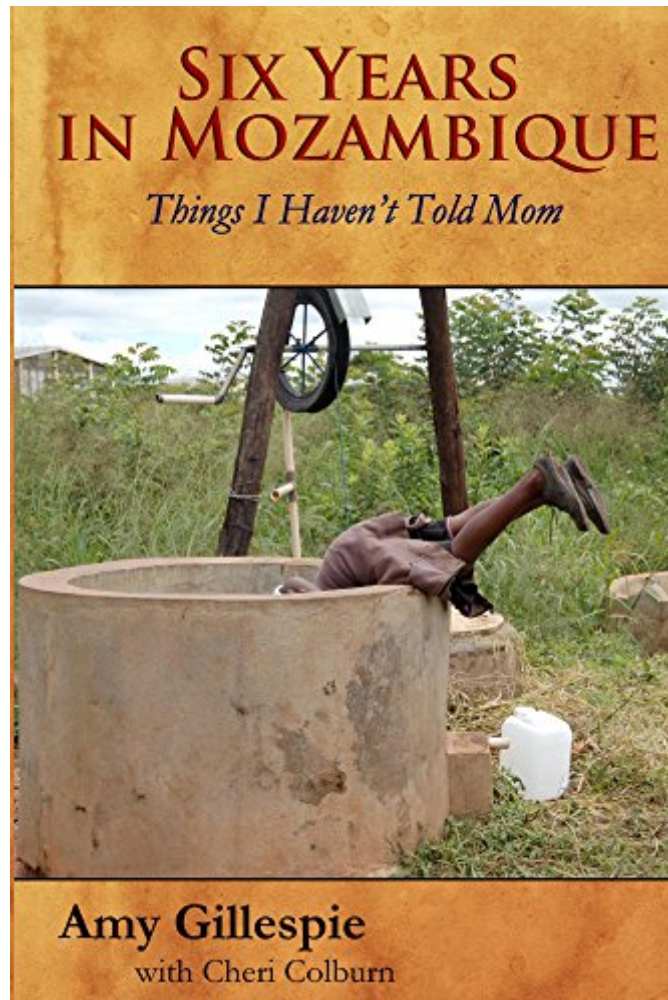




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Six Years In Mozambique: Things I Haven't Told Mom



Synopsis

With \$150 and the belief that all children should be given the skills to keep themselves and their loved ones alive, Amy Gillespie set out for Mozambique to meet the Goliath who had whispered to her in the night, "Come find me." She could not have imagined all that she would witness and experience on her journey| beauty, inspiration, humor; as well as corruption, unimaginable suffering, and shadowy threats from unlikely sources. Six Years in Mozambique explores one woman's experience of the gritty reality of aid work, sexuality, and spirituality in Sub-Saharan Africa. It takes a raw look at what it's like to be a single woman, on the edge of forty years of age, setting off to chase down Goliath, fully certain of success; and how that incredible journey led her to universal truths and surrender. With its sweeping honesty, "Six Years in Mozambique" is the portrayal of an every day life turned extraordinary when a purposeful heart overcomes. This is the story of change -- the change that happens to you and because of you. Feeling a pulse on every page, it is the heartbeat of determination that tells the story of where real life meets the world according to Africa.

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Customer Reviews

Bravo to this talented author! Six Years in Mozambique outlines the reality of Amy Gillespie's journey to help the children of Africa. Start to finish is guided by a spiritual faith with an unknown end. She trusted her intuition and unspoken messages from God, and along the way, she displayed very noble actions to help many people. Amy's modest demeanor proves that she is humbled by the experiences she encountered and I wonder if she acknowledges the magnitude of her accomplishments. Great job Amy, not only with the book, but with all that you did to fulfill this chapter of your life. Be well.

This book is very well written and easy to read. I am not very patient reading thick books and yet I could not put down this great book. Story of Amy despite all difficulties in her life, not allowing those events, to define her or to break her spirit. She reached out to make a difference in lives of children in Africa, thousands of miles away. It is a very inspiring, thought provoking, spiritual and emotional reading. Most likely, it will take you to places you have not been before. It is story of faith, hard work and determination. Its is about making a positive difference in this world despite our difficult experiences or lack of resources. Job well done Amy!

This book documents the 6 years Ms. Amy Gillespie spent living and working in Mozambique, from her arrival with \$150 in her pocket, to her departure, when she placed the multifaceted health and economic development program she developed into local hands and went on to try and replicate her success in Central America. When I met and married my wife, a woman who, like Amy, was doing international development work, I knew the nuts and bolts of what she was doing and the countries where she worked, but had no appreciation for the life dramas and subtleties that occur in the often murky no-mans-land between cultures. This is what Amy serves up in this funny, witty, and often gut wrenching memoir. This is no "Out of Africa," and Amy is no Isak Dinesen. "Six years in Mozambique" is much more. The villages and children and projects often become secondary characters to the principal character of the author's own internal life, her successes and failings, triumphs and fears. It is sometimes painfully honest, as this extraordinary person fights to remain faithful to herself and her adopted community, often while being betrayed by those who are closest. It is more than anything an inner life memoir, and a rare, unblinking look at why things do and do not happen in life from the perspective of the emotional subtext, the spring from which the rest of life often flows.

I so enjoyed reading "Six Years in Mozambique: Things I Haven't Told Mom". Amy's honesty and

Midwest sensibilities made the book accessible to all types of readers. I especially enjoyed the trials, tribulations, and victories she experienced in Mozambique. To go to a country so different from the U.S. took great courage and faith that her efforts would bear fruit. I felt her emotions as if I were there with her, and that is hard to do in a nonfiction book. I teach English, and I am going to "strongly" encourage my seniors to read this book to expand their views of the world and their role in it. Great job Amy!

found this to be a very delightful read also quite inspiring, Wish I was of an age to be of assistance to places and people like that, and also be a good enough writer to explain my experiences to others as Amy has done! All in all a very good read and a wonderful experience to participate in, because through the wonder of Amy's writing, that is what it feels like, actually experiencing the adventure with her!!! I would gladly recommend this book to all my friends and family, definitely a five star read!!!!

While I found this book a little disjointed it does give a fascinating account of what is possible by ordinary folk that are driven, in this case by a divine calling, to make a difference. The pressing issues in Africa such as corruption, over population, extortion, and the general desire by regimes to keep their electorates uneducated are largely overlooked, and leaves the reader questioning just where Africa might be in 30 years time if aid efforts continue to be directed at the softer symptomatic issues, rather than consolidating effort to eradicate the problems that ultimately result in the general suffering of the people, flora and fauna of Africa.

Amy, the author who is from a small town in Minnesota, writes this book and the story is dramatic, and shows what God can do with anyone who listens to His call. She tells of what brought her to Mozambique and all the frustrations, trials and tribulations that she encounters while trying to seek to do good. Amy comes to know the reason God not only put her in the lives of family and friends, but why God put her on this earth. I loved this book as much as I love Amy, and I for one am filled with joy that God put her in my life and the inspiration she gives to me and others.

How one person could do so much with so little for very needy children. Amy Gillespie's book Six Years in Mozambique: Things I Haven't Told Mom is one to read. Once you start reading it's hard to put down as Amy struggles financially, emotionally and spiritually and add humor to the mix plus a lot of hard work and you start to see life changing results for these children. If there were more like

Amy Gillespie we'd live in a better world.

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