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Editorial Review

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First Daughter Jenna Bush worked as an intern with UNICEF throughout Latin America, and in her first book, she focuses on the life of a young woman she befriended during her travels. Infected with HIV/AIDS at birth, Ana loses both parents to the disease. After suffering abuse at relatives' homes, she finds a caring center for those living with HIV/AIDS, where she falls in love and eventually gets pregnant. Her child is born without the virus, and at the story's close, Ana has found a peaceful home where she can plan a new life for herself and her baby. The pace is brisk: chapters are only a few pages long, and the accessible language and simple sentences will pull reluctant readers. A few jarring passages point to Bush's outsider's view (a comparison between Ana and "the exotic subjects in Gauguin's Tahiti paintings" stands out), but the wrenching story, illustrated with a few photos, effectively sends an urgent message: too many children are unsafe and burdened by secrets. Classroom-ready resources include discussion questions and suggestions for volunteering. Engberg, Gillian

From the Back Cover

Ana's Story: A Journey of Hope is a work of narrative nonfiction based on Jenna's experiences while interning for UNICEF and documenting lives of children and teens she encountered through her work. The book focuses on Ana, a teenage single mother who is bravely living with, rather than dying from, HIV. Ana's determination has allowed her to overcome abuse and abandonment and fight for an education and a better future for her child. Inspired by the framework of one girl's life, it is also the story of many children around the world who are marginalized and excluded from basic care, support, and education. Jenna Bush sends a message of hope, inclusion and survival, and calls for youth involvement in helping other young people triumph over adversity.

The book features approximately 45 full color photographs taken by Mia Baxter, Jenna's friend and fellow UNICEF intern, as well as detailed backmatter including A Letter from Jenna Bush; You Can Make A Difference; Protect Yourself, Protect Others; What's the Real Deal? Ten Myths About HIV/AIDS; Do You Know the Whole Story? Ten Myths About Abuse; and Discussion Questions.

About the Author

Jenna Bush is the daughter of President George W. Bush and Mrs. Laura Bush. She graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 2004 with a degree in English. Jenna taught elementary school in Washington, D.C. for a year and half before embarking on an internship for UNICEF's Educational Policy department at its regional office for Latin America and the Caribbean in Fall 2006. During her internship, Jenna recorded the life stories of children and adolescents she met through her travels. She taught at a shelter in Latin America several days a week while writing this book.

Mia Baxter graduated from the University of Texas in 2004 with a Bachelor's degree in Photojournalism and a minor in Spanish. An internship with the Corporate Art department at Condé Nast led to a job as Photo Assistant at Glamour magazine in New York. She worked as a freelance editorial and documentary photographer in New York before moving to Latin America in September 2005 for an internship with UNICEF.

Mia believes in photography as a significant and compelling tool in visual communication. She has been photographing the lives of children and adolescents in Latin America with UNICEF for the last several months.

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