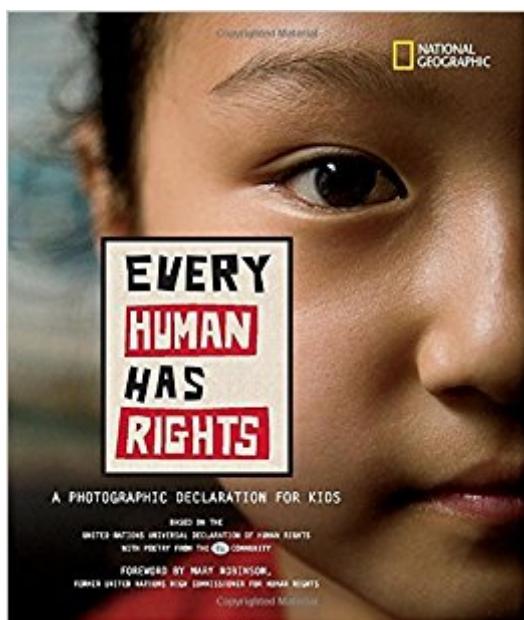


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# Every Human Has Rights: A Photographic Declaration For Kids



## **Synopsis**

The 30 rights set down in 1948 by the United Nations are incredibly powerful. According to the U.N., every human "just by virtue of being human" is entitled to freedom, a fair government, a decent standard of living, work, play, and education, freedom to come and go as we please and to associate with anyone we please, and the right to express ourselves freely. Every Human Has Rights offers kids an accessibly written list of these rights, commentary "much of it deeply emotional" by other kids, and richly evocative photography illustrating each right. At the end of this deceptively simple book, kids will know and feel "that regardless of individual differences and circumstances, each person is valuable and worthy of respect

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## **Customer Reviews**

On the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, this full-color photo-essay combines prize-winning poems by young people with beautiful photographs from all over the world. Unfortunately, despite the universalist message reinforced in a foreword by the UN's former high commissioner for human rights, just about all the poems are by kids in North America. The busy, cluttered book design does not make for easy reading, with lots of pale, tiny type on colored screens. It is the big global photos on every page that will hold readers. Among the images are scenes of a family displaced by war walking across the border from Ethiopia to Eritrea; a homeless child sleeping on the street in São Paulo, Brazil; soccer players celebrating the end of apartheid; and a child picking cotton in Peru. The stirring pictures will stimulate classroom discussion about the declaration, which is quoted in full at the back. Grades 4-8. --Hazel Rochman

Mary Robinson, the first woman president of Ireland (1990â “1997) and more recently the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (1997â “2002), has been a human rights advocate for most of her life. She is the founder and president of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative and one of the Elders, a group of elder statesmen working for human rights around the world. As a professor, legislator, and lawyer, Robinson has always sought to use law as an instrument for social change, arguing landmark cases before the European Court of Human Rights as well as in the Irish courts. NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC is one of the worldâ ™s leading nonfiction publishers, proudly supporting the work of scientists, explorers, photographers, and authors, as well as publishing a diverse list of books that celebrate the world and all that is in it. National Geographic Books creates and distributes print and digital works that inspire, entertain, teach, and give readers access to a world of discovery and possibility on a wide range of nonfiction subjects from animals to travel, cartography to history, fun facts to moving stories. A portion of all National Geographic proceeds is used to fund exploration, conservation, and education through ongoing contributions to the work of the National Geographic Society.

Awesome.

It is time for children to understand the basic human right of justice for all people. This book is a great resource for teachers and parents who want to promote global connectedness and the value of all human beings.

Around the world people live different lifestyles, look different, act different and sometimes think differently, but we everyone has certain inalienable rights that we must all respect and protect. Sixty years ago a treaty was formed to lay out just what rights all of us are entitled to. These thirty rights, adopted by a United Nations General Assembly Resolution chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt, are not laid out in a law format, but rather an ethical one that all children need to learn at home and in their classrooms. Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland says in her preface notes that "we need to make our own pledge to live by the principles of the Universal Declaration." Everyone's voice needs to be heard and respected. In this book each of the thirty rights is accompanied by a poem or short essay written by a young person and appropriate photographs. For example the first right (abbreviated) states that "All humans are born FREE with the same dignity and rights." There are three photographs, one of an infant, one of a young Mexican woman and one of an alienated young

gang member. There is one poem and an essay by a thirteen-year-old girl that states in part, "Nobody has the right to mistreat me just because I don't look, think, or act like you . . . all I'm asking for is that you show me some respect, even if you don't think I deserve it." I thought the concept of the book, the text and the photographs were wonderful. The poetry and essays were from ePals, a safe community where children and classrooms around the world can connect with one another for educational purposes. I did have one problem with this book, not for the content which was thoughtful and very well written, but with the print. The poetry and photo captions are in a light gray print which blends in with the white background. This can be very problematic for the visually impaired. I had to make sure when I read the book I was under a good lighting source. This book would be a marvelous complimentary book to Amnesty International's children's book, "We Are All Born Free: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Pictures!"

Every Human Has Rights: A Photographic Declaration for Kids is a picturebook for young people based on the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, illustrated with powerful color photography and enhanced with poetry from the ePals community. A foreword by Mary Robinson, former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, enhances this meaningful introduction to a profound and fundamental concept of social issues. A welcome addition to public and school library children's collections. "Every adult has the right to marry and have a family, but nobody can force you to get married. In marriage, both partners are equal."

I bought this book to use in my classroom. What a disappointment. Instead of taking an opportunity to create a visually stirring message that could magnify empathy for those who need support of human rights, the author/publisher instead used the book to sneak in a homosexual agenda. The right to marry page was introduced with two women marrying in a photograph at the TOP of the page. If that wasn't enough, each woman held a child. Bless their little hearts. In a book about human rights, these two children are being denigrated what should be the most fundamental, important birthright: a mother and father.

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