



MEMORY BOOKS

by Christa Graf



SYNOPSIS

In Uganda, AIDS-infected mothers have begun writing what they call Memory Books for their children. In front of the small brick house Dennis and Chrissi brush their teeth every evening in the dim glow of the oil lamp. The 10-year-old watches his little sister conscientiously as they get ready for bed. Since their mother died of AIDS two years ago they are both orphans, two of more than two million of their kind in Uganda. There are few countries in Africa that have more households run by orphaned children and, despite extensive efforts by the government to raise awareness, experts on the subject predict that nearly 35% of Uganda's population is infected with HIV. When the parents die, the children are forced to look after themselves. A very special project has emerged in Uganda as a result: Memory Books, written by infected parents, mostly mothers, and their children. Aware of the illness, it is a way for the family to come to terms with the inevitable death that it faces. Openly,...

FESTIVALS

URTI Grand Prix for Author's Documentary Monte Carlo, Prix Micheline Vaillancourt Montreal, Grand Prix des Jeunes Européens FIPA, Shortlist German Filmprize, Nomination Camera Prize

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Christa Graf · EDITOR Carmen Kirchweger · DOP Roland Wagner

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FORMAL CATEGORIES

Coming of Age, Family, Gender, Human Rights

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

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