



# *Women Peacemakers*

WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM



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## **PRESS RELEASE – WOMEN PEACEMAKERS: WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM**

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**Finally, a book about how to make peace, as told in stories of 15 women peacemakers.**

PAONIA, CO – Sparked by a curiosity about how peace is actually created, Barbe Chambliss zigzagged the globe to interview a willing pool of women who quietly invited her into their lives and shared intimate conversations about how they make peace.

This book is both a deeply entertaining read and a guidebook, crafted by inspiration and calling to everyone on earth who is willing to be counted among the ranks of Conscious Peacemakers.

In **WOMEN PEACEMAKERS: WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM** Chambliss shares the remarkable stories of this wildly diverse band of fifteen women change agents, from an Israeli soldier to an Irish nun, from an ex-princess to a Native American clan mother, from a paralyzed Olympic skier to a young Zimbabwean orphan who now directs the esteemed Future of Hope Foundation. Available as a beautifully formatted paperback, an audiobook, and an e-book.

In 3-4 hour-long interviews, Chambliss asked the women how they found their work, how they remained dedicated to it, and what kind of compensation they received for it. She asked them what role, if any, forgiveness played in their peacemaking, and what metaphors fit their peacemaking work. She asked them to paint a picture with their words about how the world would look if their idea of peace were in operation today.

One chapter describes the women’s answers to her question: “What advice would you give to someone who wants to become a peacemaker?” In another chapter, she shares over twenty lessons she learned about the guiding philosophies and the behaviors these women employ in their work. This book is chock full of actionable ways to consciously create peace in our world.

The most unique aspect of this book is the final chapter that invites the reader to take up an act of peacemaking of their own, using the stories and advice in the book as their beacon, and then write up the results of their endeavors and submit them to Chambliss’ website.

Several readers, men and women, have told Chambliss that this book changed their lives. Whether one is involved with COVID-19 issues, the impact of racism, or environmental impacts, there will be a peacemaker story that speaks to both your dilemma and your future.

Chambliss is a psychotherapist, professional mediator, and organic farmer dedicated to discovering and bringing forth conscious acts of peace in a progressively chaotic world. She directed the volunteer Center for Conflict Resolution in Aspen, Colorado. She has taught mediation to over 500 children and adults in rural Colorado schools and facilitates Restorative Justice Circles in her community.

For more information about the book and how to order it, go to [barbechamblissauthor.com](http://barbechamblissauthor.com)

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Barbe Chambliss is a psychotherapist, mediator and organic apple farmer. She has a Ph.D. in Peacemaking and has interviewed nearly sixty women peacemakers. In her book, *Women Peacemakers: What We Can Learn From Them*, she tells the stories of fifteen of these women and invites the reader do their own act of peacemaking. In the midst of interviewing women peacemakers around the world, she volunteered to work in Croatia with children who had barely survived the Bosnian War, which changed everything for her. Now her purpose is to wake up the conscious peacemaker in as many people as possible.

## GREAT INTERVIEW QUESTIONS TO ASK ME

1. What got you interested in peacemaking?
2. Was there some pivotal moment in the process that changed something for you?
3. Why women?
4. What is your definition of peacemaking?
5. What is the difference between peacemaking and conscious peacemaking?
6. Give me an example of one or two stories of your women peacemakers.
7. Is there more to the book than the women's stories?
8. How did you find all the women for your interviews?
9. How many women have you interviewed?
10. How did you fund your interviews?
11. What advice did the women give you for someone who wants to be a peacemaker?
12. Give me an example of how you could use one of the Lessons Learned in today's world.
13. What did the women say about the connection between forgiveness and making peace?
14. What lessons did you learn from the women about how to make peace?
15. How has writing this book changed you?

## BARBE CHAMBLISS BIOGRAPHY

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Barbe's PhD dissertation, entitled *Contemporary Women Peacemakers: The Hidden Side of Peacemaking*, ignited two decades of interviews with over 50 women across the world exploring the nuts and bolts of how peace is actually made. Midway in this journey she volunteered as a counselor in a Croatian camp providing safe haven for 80 children who had recently survived the Bosnian War. Shortly after the terrorist attacks in New York City, she compiled and distributed a "Working Compendium of Non-violent Responses to 9/11," and later served as a therapist on a U.S. military base to better understand the human dynamics of making war. Her work is an ongoing exploration into the practice of peacemaking, which she defines simply as people treating each other with equal respect.

Barbe is a fourth generation Coloradoan. She'd rather sleep under the stars than beneath a roof, and revels in being outdoors in all seasons of her beloved Rocky Mountains. She recharges her soul and does her best writing at her yurt, perched 8,000 feet high on the edge of an alpine meadow she shares with a herd of elk and two moose. For fun she sings in a cowboy corral. Her goal is to wake up the conscious peacemaker in as many people as possible during her life.