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# Amen - Grassroots Football



## Synopsis

Beautifully printed(150g satin art) hard cover photography book which tells the story (in images) of all those forgotten in the Africa World Cup 2010. The aim of AMEN was to shine the light on all those in the shadow of the World Cup, far from the big stadiums and the corporate carnival-nature of the event. To embrace Africa and everything that makes it unique. To speak of the authenticity and sheer ingeniousness of a continent that manages to do so much with so little. To capture people with simple needs and huge hearts. To express football in its purest form. "Football is accessible to anyone who can make a rag ball and find another pair of feet to pass it to," said David Goldblatt ... It is the glue that binds village to village, tribe to tribe and people to people. "IN AFRICA FOOTBALL IS NOT A RELIGION BUT ITS EVERYTHING A RELIGION SHOULD BE. AMEN" Ian Brower. This project changed my life. It took on proportions that I could never have imagined. It was a self-funded labour of love that I embarked on with my father. I love Africa and he loves football. I took the photos and did the travelling. He brought to life the book and its concept. The small seed that was planted has grown and I am overwhelmed by people's reactions. In January I went back to see all my football friends to distribute equipment I received from sponsors... to allow them to keep playing the game they love. See the story on my website [www.jessicahilltout.com](http://www.jessicahilltout.com) \*\*\* I AM VERY SORRY BUT I HAVE HAD TO STOP SELLING THE SOFT COVER AS POSTAGE PRICES ARE TOO HIGH. I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT MY PROJECT.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Jessica Hilltout's book is about the most important thing in life--playing soccer, at least it was for us

kids growing up poor. She shows that all it takes to have fun is a field, something that can be called a goal and a little bit of ingenuity in making a soccer ball--and some kids, of course. Most importantly, however, is how she captured the beauty of innocence, unencumbered youth and the love they share for soccer throughout Africa. The photography is absolutely great---poignant, detailed, colorful and, most of all, relevant. Ms. Hilltout used many of the photographs in the book to produce a must have poster. Gooooooooooooooooo!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!Saludos,Rolando Arango

On the beaches of Vietnam or Jamaica, on the dusty savannah of Africa or amidst the sweet potato fields of West Papua I have seen children and young men passionately playing the game that captures the globe. The diversity of objects that constitute a ball defies the imagination and reflects the ingenuity of the poor the world over. Jessica Hilltout has beautifully captured this reality and hence makes real why indeed the championship in football (ok, soccer) is the only true WORLD cup. Clearly this book is a love poem to the sport and a continent.

Who would have thought of a book like this about soccer in Africa and the make-do artifacts made to play the game. The photographs are great and nicely reproduced. Highly recommended!

I had seen the book before and wanted to give it as a Christmas present. It's a touching and beautiful book.

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