

www.KootenayFeminism.com is deeply thankful to award-winning journalist Sally Armstrong for allowing us to post our video of her talk at the Capitol Theatre in Nelson, British Columbia, sponsored by the Mir Centre for Peace. It can be found in under Categories, General, videos. Enjoy her rich and dynamic storytelling based on her research for *The Ascent of Women – Our Time, Our Way – A remarkable story of worldwide change*.

Sally Armstrong Human Rights Activist | Journalist | Author

Sally Armstrong has covered stories in zones of conflict all over the world. From Bosnia and Somalia to Rwanda and Afghanistan, her eyewitness reports have earned her the Amnesty International Media Award three times over, as well as acclaim all over the world. Armstrong shares her experiences reporting from the front lines and imparts her audiences with the lessons she's learned from the battlefields surrounding the complexities of "human rights" versus "human wrongs."

In addition to her journalism, Armstrong is the author of the books *Veiled Threat: The Hidden Power of the Women of Afghanistan*; *The Nine Lives of Charlotte Taylor*; *Bitter Roots, Tender Shoots: The Uncertain Fate of Afghanistan's Women*; and her most recent title, *Ascent of Women: Our Turn, Our Way: A Remarkable Story of World-Wide Change* (the book is published in the USA under the title, *Uprising: A New Age Is Dawning for Every Mother's Daughter*).

Armstrong is a former member of the International Women's Commission at the UN and a member of the Order of Canada.

Ascent of Women – Our Time, Our Way – The remarkable story of worldwide change

Ascent of Women describes the perilous journey that brought women to this point. It tells the dramatic and empowering stories of change-makers and examine the stunning courage, tenacity and wit they are using to alter the status quo. It is the story of a dawning of a new revolution, whose chapters are being written in mud-brick houses in Afghanistan; on Tehrir Square in Cairo; in the forests of the Congo, where women still hide from their attackers; and in a shelter in northern Kenya, where 160 girls between 3 and 17 are pursuing a historic court case against a government who did not protect them from rape. From: <http://www.speakers.ca/speakers/sally-armstrong/>

"There was something deliciously serendipitous about the power going off in northern Kenya on May 27 just as Judge J.A. Makau read his much-anticipated decision in a case could alter the status of women and girls in Kenya and maybe all of Africa.

But the lights did come on. And the judge in the high court in Meru declared: "[By failing to enforce existing defilement laws, the police have contributed to the development of a culture of tolerance for pervasive sexual violence against girl children and impunity.](#)"

Guilty. An extraordinary story of tenacity and courage, wit and survival led to this victory."

From: Sally Armstrong. New York Times, 5 June 2013

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/06/05/opinion/global/in-kenya-a-victory-for-girls-and-rights.html? r=0>

CBC – But journalist and human rights activist Sally Armstrong says there is reason for hope. In her new book, *Ascent of Women*, she documents a long list of examples of women around the world who are working together like never before in the fight for equality between the sexes -- and winning.

Armstrong spoke with The Current's Anna Maria Tremonti 5 March 2013. From:

<http://www.cbc.ca/books/2013/03/sally-armstrong-on-the-ascent-of-women.html>