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Brought to Earth by Birth

Photos by Harriette Hartigan

## **TIMES ARE A-CHANGING**

The Image of Birth Once Considered Obscene Is Now Natural and Inspirational.

Eugene, Oregon — In 1976, Harriette Hartigan, a local events photographer, walked into *The Detroit Free Press* and approached the editor with the birth photography she had taken. The editor looked at it sternly and dismissed her saying, “If I print this, I’ll lose  $\frac{3}{4}$  of our readership.”

Determined and unshaken, Hartigan continued photographing births that she attended. For three decades, Harriette pursued her dream and passion to capture the miracle of natural birth— to share it, celebrate it and honor it. Despite financial sacrifices and social barriers, Hartigan remained true to her calling.

After a lifetime’s worth of gestation, Harriette finally found a nurturing place at Motherbaby Press that could hold her and trust her inner knowing to give birth naturally to her heart and soul: *Brought to Earth by Birth*, an eloquent black and white photo essay on how pregnancy and birth was, is and *could be*.

Hartigan, midwife, writer and birth photographer of 35 years, created an opportunity to witness again the ancient wisdom of life. She masterfully weaves words and images together showing the graceful and empowered journey of women giving life, breastfeeding and nurturing their newborns. Experience the profound power of family, from the devotion of fathers, to the curiosity of siblings, and the joy of becoming a grandparent. For anyone who has been born, birth through Hartigan’s lens surprises, inspires and affirms the belonging of natural birth.

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