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Pantsuit Nation



Synopsis

An inspiring collection of stories and photographs that capture what it means to live, work, love, and resist in America— from the Facebook group with millions of engaged and impassioned members. In October 2016, Maine resident Libby Chamberlain created a “secret” Facebook group encouraging a handful of friends to wear pantsuits to the polls. Overnight, the group of thirty exploded to 24,000 members. By November 8, the group was three million strong. Since Pantsuit Nation™s inception, its members have shared personal stories that illustrate the complexities of living in a vibrant, oftentimes contentious democracy. Members turn to Pantsuit Nation as a place of refuge and inspiration, where marginalized voices are amplified, faces are put to political decisions, resources are shared, and activism is ignited. It is a dynamic, diverse community united by an unwavering commitment to building a more just, inclusive world. Now, hundreds of Pantsuit Nation members have contributed their stories and photographs to form this extraordinary book. An indelible testament to the idea that change comes first from the heart, and that the surest way to move a heart is to tell a story, Pantsuit Nation is a portrait of a moment in history and a rallying cry for our time.

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View larger The Pantsuit Nation Manifesto Stories spark change. Taken individually, a story can create a tiny opening in a once-closed space. It is a glimmer. It can shine as something that is true and raw and beautiful. But one story— a single voice telling a single story— is often all too

easy to ignore, to shout over or drown out. A single voice can be targeted or silenced. Pantsuit Nation exists to harness the power of collective storytelling. Millions of voices telling millions of stories. We amplify the voices of those who have historically been underrepresented or excluded. We listen. We empower our members to speak with honesty and without fear of attack. We are strong in our diversity. We invite conversation—true conversation—about the issues that are most fundamental to us and our identities. We believe that feminism is intersectional. We believe that “women’s rights are human rights.” We believe that progress around racial justice, LGBTQIA rights, rights for people with disabilities, religious freedom, and the fight to combat hatred and bigotry in all forms is most effective when emboldened and humanized through first-person narrative. We believe that politics is personal, and that progressive movement occurs when the empathetic potential of a story is unleashed. Stories spark change. Taken collectively, stories open us up to the vast and complex realities of what it means to live, work, love, struggle, and celebrate in our country. As Pantsuit Nation, millions of glimmers combine to create the kind of bright light that can’t be ignored or overshadowed.

Our Manifesto Collective storytelling amplifies the voices of those who have been marginalized.

We empower our members to speak with honesty and without fear of attack. Stories give meaning to action and meaningful action leads to long-term, sustainable change.

Libby Chamberlain is the founder of Pantsuit Nation. She lives in coastal Maine with her husband and two young children.

What an awesome, inspiring book!

The stories and pictures in this book are beautiful, the people who shared their stories are so brave. I couldn’t read it without crying!

This is a beautiful book! It really captures what was going on in our country during the tumultuous election, and what is still going on all over the country. It’s the sort of book I will be happy to show my children one day, to teach them how truly diverse and wonderful our country is. Politics aside, we have some amazing people in this country!

These stories will be the beginning of modern activism. Bookstores across the country are prepared

to take a stance against bigotry, hate, sexism, and homophobia just to name a few. The stories are impactful. I could feel the power behind each story as if I was right there living it along with the authors. This is a great book. And, the best part is that all of the profit will go towards non-profit organizations that need a much needed boost. To everyone considering reading this book...DO IT. It will be your opportunity to look into the lives of your neighbors, friends and co-workers whose life has been affected by discrimination, injustice or hate.

Stories of hope and resistance during a frightening time in our country. Such a special and inclusive project for everyone who has felt alone and afraid since the election. Enough snowflakes can cause an avalanche!

This book is a real gem. This is a beautiful collection of stories and photos showcasing the frustration, fear and mostly HOPE as people came together in a secret Facebook group to share their truths during and after the 2016 Presidential election. These stories come from a true melting pot of people showing us that in the words of the late, great Maya Angelou, "we are more alike, my friends, then we are unlike." Pantsuit Nation is a lovely book to read and reread while reflecting on the strength and power of our mothers, daughters, sisters and friends. It gives me hope for a better tomorrow.

I just finished reading Pantsuit Nation, a collection of photos and stories from contributors to the Facebook group that supported Hillary Clinton. I had been added to the group a few weeks before the election, and have been in awe of the hundreds of personal, powerful stories from women (and some men) across a broader spectrum of experiences than I'd ever expect to see in a lifetime. The stories don't stop with the election, and the FB group continues to add a dozen or more stories every day. It's a heart-rending, intensely personal and deeply moving read.

No matter your politics, America is made of an amazing tapestries of incredible humans. Each have their own stories and a few amazing ones are included in this fine book. The stories will make you smile, cry, and have infinite hope for our nation...no matter what. Not to be missed.

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