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Half the Sky by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn; 2009. This book written by Pulitzer Prize winners tells the plight of women in the world. The authors wrote of the many atrocities still being leveled on young girls and women. To many men in the world, females are not seen as being equal and are used by men at their pleasure e.g. Rape, prostitution, child kidnappings and forced marriages. Young women are also sometimes abused by their own mothers or older females. The authors were able to interview individuals who had been victimized and shared their stories throughout the book. Most of these women are impoverished. Some of the stories dealt with female mortality rates and the fact that due to poverty many people are denied adequate health care. Included in the book were stories of how microcredit programs are improving the lives of women around the globe and how this is lifting women out of poverty. Further, the authors tell of how people are responding to the plight of these impoverished girls and women and provide details on how readers can also support efforts to improve the lives of others.

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