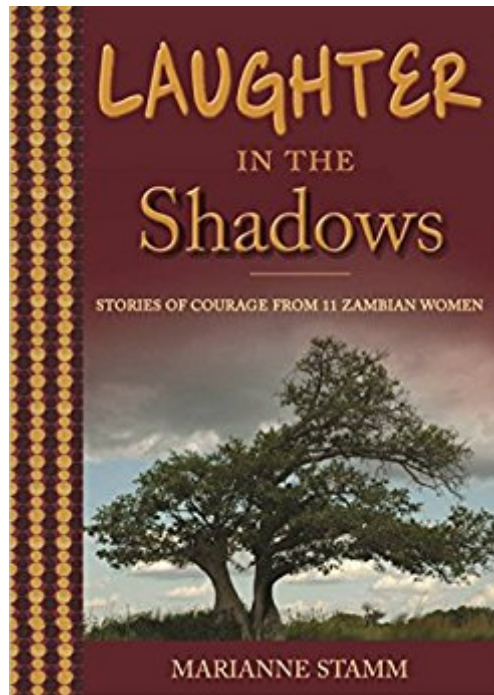


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"Mum, you're not like the rest of your family," her children say. Naomie replies, "That's because I have a fighting spirit." Zambian women often face extraordinary challenges that women in the Western world can hardly imagine: crippling poverty, exposure to HIV, barriers to education, insufficient healthcare services, scarce resources for their children's needs, family betrayals and even the threat of witchcraft. Yet in spite of the obstacles, many of them persevere and succeed in creating better lives for themselves and their children. Naomie and the ten other women portrayed in this book know the secret to overcoming hardships is to work hard, to challenge expectations, to be strong, to be true to themselves and to laugh, even when times are hard. Their stories are, in many ways, universal - the stories of women overcoming hardships for the sake of their families - yet they are as specific and as unique as each of the women featured in this book.

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