

# Do You Think Poverty Is a Human Rights Issue?

## THE UNHEARD TRUTH POVERTY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Ending poverty has become the rallying cry of international organizations, political and business leaders, philanthropists and rock stars. But it is almost certainly doomed to fail if it is driven solely by the imperative of boosting economic growth through investment, trade, new technology or foreign aid, claims Irene Khan in the Unheard Truth.

Khan argues with passion, backed up by analysis, that fighting poverty is about fighting deprivation, exclusion, insecurity and powerlessness. People living in poverty lack material resources but that more than that, they lack control over their own lives. To tackle global poverty, we need to focus on the human rights abuses that drive poverty and keep people poor. Giving people a say in their own future, and demanding that they be treated with dignity and respect for their rights is the way to make progress.

### JOIN Amnesty International's LOCAL BOOK CLUB

Read the Book and Join the Discussion!

The Duluth-Superior Local Chapter of Amnesty International is sponsoring a book club discussion on "The Unheard Truth." The book club is open to the public and we hope that you will join the discussion!

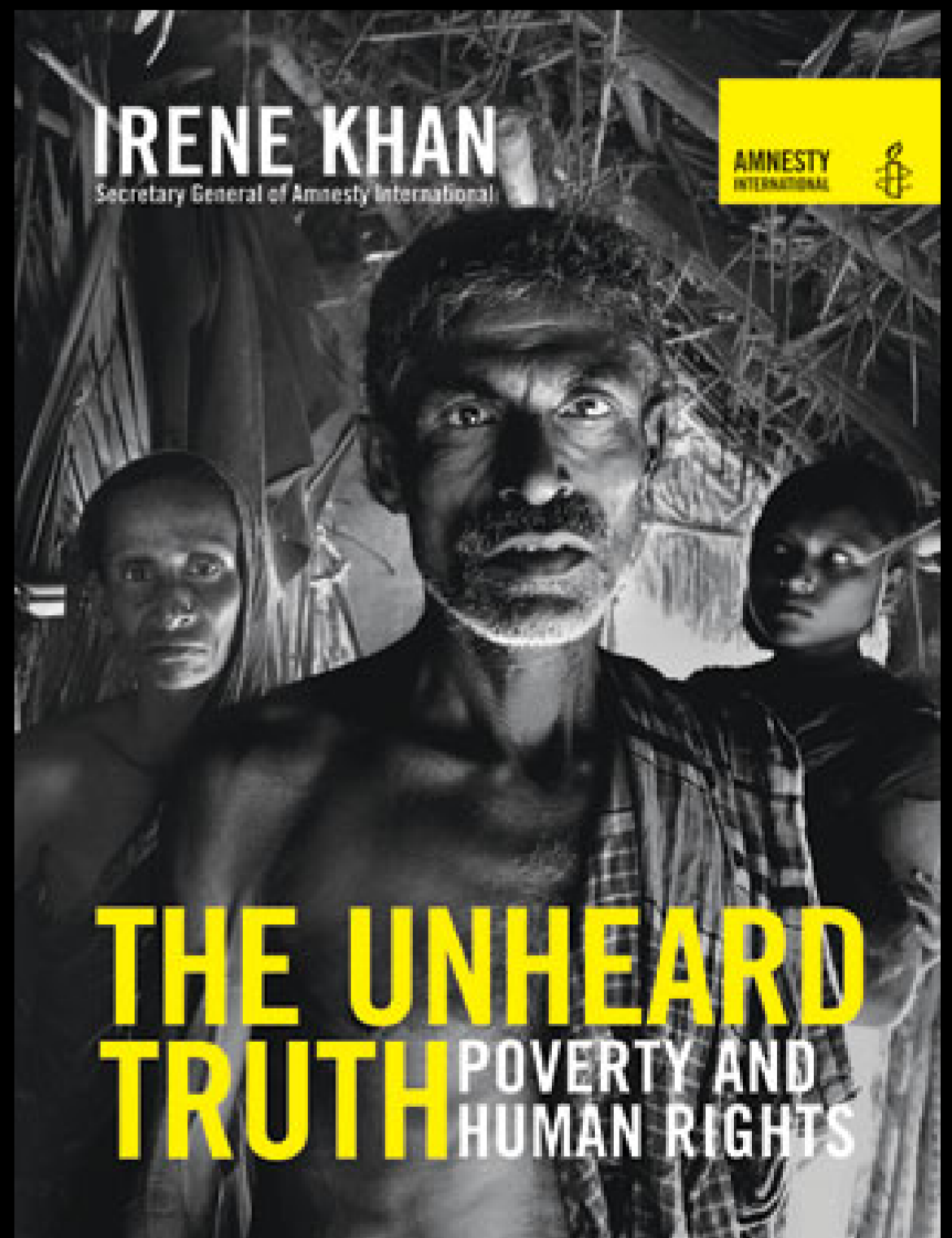
Praise for the book:

*"The Unheard Truth is a passionate and urgent plea for action. Poverty is the world's worst human rights crisis and this book makes a powerful statement about not only why but how we can turn the tide."*

**Mary Robinson, President, Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (1997-2002), President of Ireland (1990-1997)**

*"Irene makes a convincing case for putting human rights at the center of the effort to end poverty ...."*

**Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary-General in the Foreword**



Please Join Us!

We will be discussing Chapters 1-3 on:  
**Monday October 18, 7:00pm**

We will be discussing Chapters 4-7 on:  
**Monday November 15, 7:00pm**

We will be discussing Chapters 8-10 on:  
**Thursday December 2, 7:00pm**

Discussions held at:  
**UUC Duluth  
835 West College St**

The Duluth-Superior Local Group has a limited number of copies available to provide to interested community members. For more information please write to Mayra Gomez at: [gomez\\_mayra@yahoo.com](mailto:gomez_mayra@yahoo.com).

For more information about the book please see: <http://www.theunheardtruth.com/>