

Cleaning: People Talk About Housework

The humble labor of cleaning house is a constant in life. Its rhythm shapes our days and our most intimate memories of home and family. Yet we hardly ever talk about this work, because it is not glamorous or highly valued. In *Cleaning: People Talk About Housework*, twenty people share their feelings about cleaning house. In talking about housework, they reveal their essence: the family histories, relationships, and priorities that structure their diverse lives. The interviews and photographs presented in *Cleaning* invite readers to reflect on their own unexamined relationship to this daily work. *Cleaning* combines richly detailed storytelling with intimate and compelling color photographs, in a clean layout that invites readers to sink into each person's story.

About the Authors

Adele Horne has been making documentary films for 17 years. Her 2006 film *The Tailenders* was broadcast nationally on P.O.V. and won an Independent Spirit Award. *The New York Times* described *The Tailenders* thus: "This gorgeous, inspired and gutsy film...opens up new ideological vistas on religion, technology and globalization. It dares viewers not to be surprised by it." Horne's films have screened internationally at film festivals in Europe, Latin America, Asia, and North America. Horne received an MFA in Art from the University of California, San Diego and a BA from Williams College. She is a faculty member at the California Institute of the Arts, School of Film/Video. *Cleaning: People Talk About Housework* grew out of *Maintenance*, a 2012 documentary film.

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