



Promise

Sean Palfrey

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- **Promise** is the fifth title in Sean Palfrey's photography series, featuring previously unpublished work produced over five decades of artistic output.
- Presents images of children from across the world, accompanied by stories and insights gleaned from Palfrey's decades of work as a pediatric doctor and expert in public health.
- Alongside his passion for photography, Sean Palfrey has had an illustrious career as a pediatrician, dean at Harvard University, parent, and advocate for national and global child health programs and policies.

With **Promise**, the latest title in Sean Palfrey's photography series, the photographer-physician draws on his immense archive to present a suite of portraits of children and young people from across the world. Enriched with the author's reflections on the stories that these pictures embody, the photographs gathered here span decades and continents, from Boston to Bali, from China to Chile. These are images of joy, curiosity, wonder and spontaneity – but also of resilience and grace in adversity. Every page attests to Palfrey's fascination with the lives of the young, to whom he has devoted himself as a pediatric doctor and healthcare professional.

Sean Palfrey has had an illustrious career as a pediatrician, Faculty Dean at Harvard University, and Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Public Health at Boston University. Simultaneously, Palfrey has spent a lifetime exploring the boundaries of image-making through photography, with his work as a doctor informing his practice. In addition to being a teacher, dean, and clinician, he served as president of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and he has been a legislative advocate for child health programs and policies since the 1970s. Palfrey exhibits his photography in solo and group shows frequently in the USA.