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Street Spirit The Power of Protest and Mischief

Steve Crawshaw, Foreword by Ai Weiwei

Keynote

Street Spirit is an inspiring collection of creative examples of street protest and demonstrations of defiance that have effected changes around the world.

Description

When no one's listening, it takes more than shouting louder to be heard ...

Street Spirit is a celebration of some of the most remarkable protests from around the world that have used humour, courage and creativity to bring about change.

Among the many instances of imaginative defiance within, you'll discover the surprising impact of Lego figures in Siberia, red-hatted dwarves in Poland and a donkey holding a press conference in Azerbaijan - not to mention the story of how Darth Vader helped to effect a global arms treaty.

With over 100 photographs and accompanying commentary on the power of non-violent protest from human rights campaigner Steve Crawshaw, who has been an eye-witness to some of the most dramatic demonstrations of recent years, *Street Spirit* is a unique visual guide that will inspire, enlighten and entertain.

Sales Points

- When a totalitarian society faces creative protests, it is like ice meeting fire ... *Street Spirit* is a relevant and powerful book for our times
- With a foreword by the artist Ai Weiwei
- Includes over 100 colour images with detailed commentary
- Author Steve Crawshaw is an experienced journalist, author and human rights advocate, who has witnessed many instances of street protest, worked at Human Rights Watch and is Director of the Office of the Secretary General at Amnesty International

Reviews

- 'A wonderfully crafted work about the protest and activism shaping our world' - *Independent*
- 'When a totalitarian society faces creative protests, it is like ice meeting fire... *Street Spirit* is a relevant and powerful book for our times' - *Ai Weiwei, Foreword*

Author Biography

Steve Crawshaw is Director of the Office of the Secretary General at Amnesty International, which he joined as international advocacy director in 2010. From 2002 to 2010, he was UK director and UN advocacy director at Human Rights Watch. He joined the Independent at launch in 1986, where he reported on the eastern European revolutions, the collapse of the Soviet Union and the Balkan wars.

He is co-author with John Jackson of *Small Acts of Resistance: How Courage, Tenacity and Ingenuity Can Change the World*, preface by Václav Havel. His previous books were *Easier Fatherland: Germany and the Twenty-First Century* and *Goodbye to the USSR: The Collapse of Soviet Power*.