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MOTHER AND CHILD by Nell Dorr

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The Author: Nell Dorr is an outstanding camera-artist. She previously published IN A BLUE MOON, photographs of Florida, and has taken a color film on the modern dance, *The Singing Earth*, now in the film library of the Museum of Modern Art. She is a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society of London England. In private life the wife of a distinguished scientist and inventor, Dr. John Dorr, she is the mother of three daughters and has six young grandchildren.

The Book: This book is a magnificent collection of photographs with some text, which is intended as a tribute to the spiritual qualities of motherhood. Mrs. Dorr selected a group of pictures that show home life as it often is and always ought to be--with love and mutual consideration dominant. It happens to be her own home--and that of her daughters--but it is emblematic of American home life at its best.

Through the unaffected, intimate views of dressing and feeding, the doing of common tasks, the moments of joy and sorrow, the personal becomes universal. Mrs. Dorr prefaces the photographic portion of the book with a short text which is a kind of prose poem in praise of motherhood and the home where God is honored and no task thought too demeaning to be done as a spiritual exercise.

Sell to mothers, as an inspiring look at the role of motherhood, to family counselors, church school teachers--all concerned to give a high spiritual valuation to the home and family. The photographs, on the purely visual aspect, can be sold to collectors of books of photos and those interested in beautiful art books.

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A spiritual interpretation of the relation between mother and child through exquisite photographs.