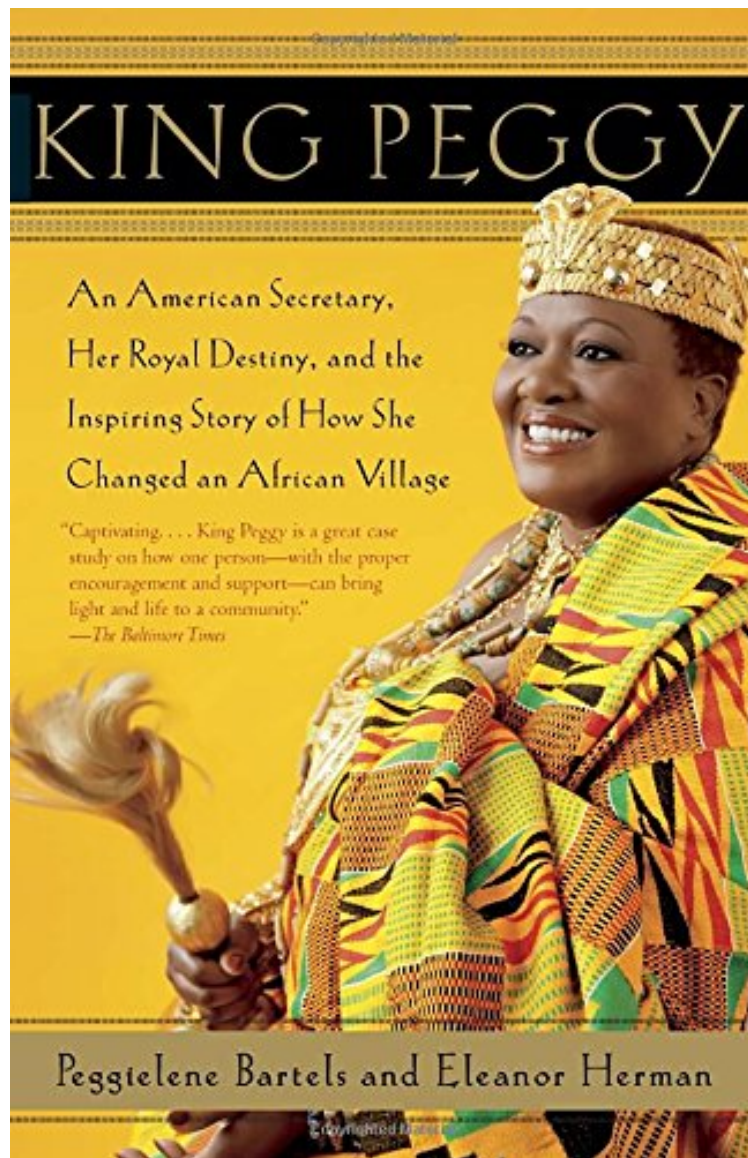


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Story of How She Changed an African Village:

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The charming real-life fairy tale of an American secretary who discovers she has been chosen king of an impoverished fishing village on the west coast of Africa. King Peggy chronicles the astonishing journey of American secretary, Peggelene Bartels, who suddenly finds herself king to a town of 7,000 people on Ghana's central coast, half a world away. Upon arriving for her crowning ceremony in beautiful Otuam, she discovers the dire reality: there's no running water, no doctor, no high school, and many of the village elders are stealing the town's funds. To make matters worse, her uncle (the late king) sits in a morgue awaiting a proper funeral in the royal palace, which is in ruins. Peggy's first two years as king of Otuam unfold in a way that is stranger than fiction. In the end, a deeply traditional African town is uplifted by the ambitions of its decidedly modern female king, and Peggy is herself transformed, from an ordinary secretary to the heart and hope of her community.

.com A Look Inside King Peggy Children of Otuam Eleanor and King Peggy in Otuam King Peggy From BooklistBartels was a native of Ghana living in the U.S., working as secretary to the Ghanaian embassy, when a relative called to give her startling news. Following the death of her uncle, a village king, the council of elders had determined that she would be his successor. Bartels, whod come to the U.S. to study and had become a U.S. citizen, hadnt been home since the death of her mother. But she accepted the daunting prospect with determination and brio. She would rule part-time, traveling between Washington, D.C., and Ghana. Bartels, along with coauthor Herman, chronicles her journey from secretary to king of the poor and isolated village of Otuam, 60 miles from the capital of Accra. She becomes reacquainted with distant relatives and her estranged husband as she juggles responsibilities such as refurbishing the modest palace, repaving roads, and burying her uncle before the ancestors can be offendedall on fees collected from fishermen and a secretarys salary. Balancing cultural differences and sketchy finances, Bartels finds within herself the strength to tackle poverty, tradition, and personal transformation. --Vanessa Bush Praise for Peggelene Bartels and Eleanor Herman'sKing Peggy2012 Finalist for the Books for a Better Life AwardA 2013 Amelia Bloomer List SelectionCaptivating. . . King Peggy is a great case study on how one personwith the proper encouragement and supportcan bring light and life to a community. . . Extremely well-written and amusing. . . Candid and humble. . . A captivating glimpse into the mental and spiritual transformation of a middle-aged African American woman as she steps into her royal destiny as an African king. The Baltimore TimesAn astonishing and wonderful book about a real-life Mma Ramotswe. An utter joy. Alexander McCall Smith, author of theNo. 1 Ladies Detective Agency seriesA wondrous tale of how a woman rose to great heights in circumstances one would never dream of, in a place which most of us cannot imagine living. Compelling and heartwarming, [King Peggy] is a most enjoyable and absorbing read. Deborah Rodriguez, author ofKabul Beauty SchoolThis irresistible real-life Cinderella story is entertaining, inspiring, and informative. Tucson CitizenTheres an unlikely new leader in West Africa. . . Bartels had to quickly and forcefully let tribal elders know that despite being far away and female, she had every

intention of taking her position seriously and being taken seriously in turn. NPR King Peggy is wildly entertaining and thoroughly engaging, and Peggy is a true modern hero as she battles her council of elders who try to maintain their old lifestyles of privilege and greed. King Peggy reminds readers that the truth is often stranger than fiction; King Peggy herself does not disappoint, neither as a ruler nor a storyteller. Shelf Awareness In the moving story of Peggienne Bartels, all of us can feel a connection to our ancestors, and a reminder of the good that can come from courageously embracing unexpected responsibilities. Jeffrey Zaslow, author of *The Girls from Ames* and coauthor of *The Last Lecture* Though it sounds the stuff of fairytale and legend, King Peggy is the fascinating true story of her courageous acceptance of this difficult role and her unyielding resolve to help the people of Otum. . . . Full of pathos, humor and insight into a world where poverty mingles with hope and happiness, King Peggy is an inspiration and proof positive that when it comes to challenging roles for women, *We Can Do It!* BookPage [A] winning tale of epic proportions, full of intrigue, royal court plotting, cases of mistaken identity and whispered words from beyond the grave. Upon arrival, King Peggy who left Ghana three decades earlier and has since become an American citizen found an uphill battle and vowed to tackle the issues plaguing her community: domestic violence, poverty and lack of access to clean water, health care and education. . . . Florid description of the landscape, culture and characters work together to fully evoke the rhythms of African life. Ultimately, readers come away with not only a sense of how King Peggy was able to transform Otum, but also an understanding of how the town and its inhabitants transformed her. Kirkus's King Peggy is the funny, wide-eyed account of [Peggienne Bartels] struggle to overcome sexism, systemic corruption and poverty without losing her will to lead or the love of her 7,000 subjects. . . . Co-author Herman says her interest in Africa came from the fiction of Alexander McCall Smith; she thinks she has met in Peggy a real-life Mma Ramotswa, and readers will quickly agree. Macleans (Toronto)