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You can also buy a copy of Nancy's moving book *Not So Black and White*, proceeds from which go towards Nasio's projects in Kenya, offering free literacy & numeracy classes to women, giving them the education needed to break the cycle of poverty. Find out more & donate at thenasiotrust.org

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