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Xhosa woman smoking a pipe, Transkei, South Africa, 1941**

*Anne Fischer (1914-1986) was born in Berlin and trained as a photographer's apprentice in a portrait studio in Germany. In 1937 she came to Cape Town as a Jewish refugee. There she gained a reputation as a good portrait photographer. By the 1960s she was regarded as Cape Town's leading wedding and theatre photographer. Many leading female photographers of the period trained in her studio. Fischer took documentary photographs in Langa, in rural areas of the former Transkei and Basutoland, and in Genadendal.

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