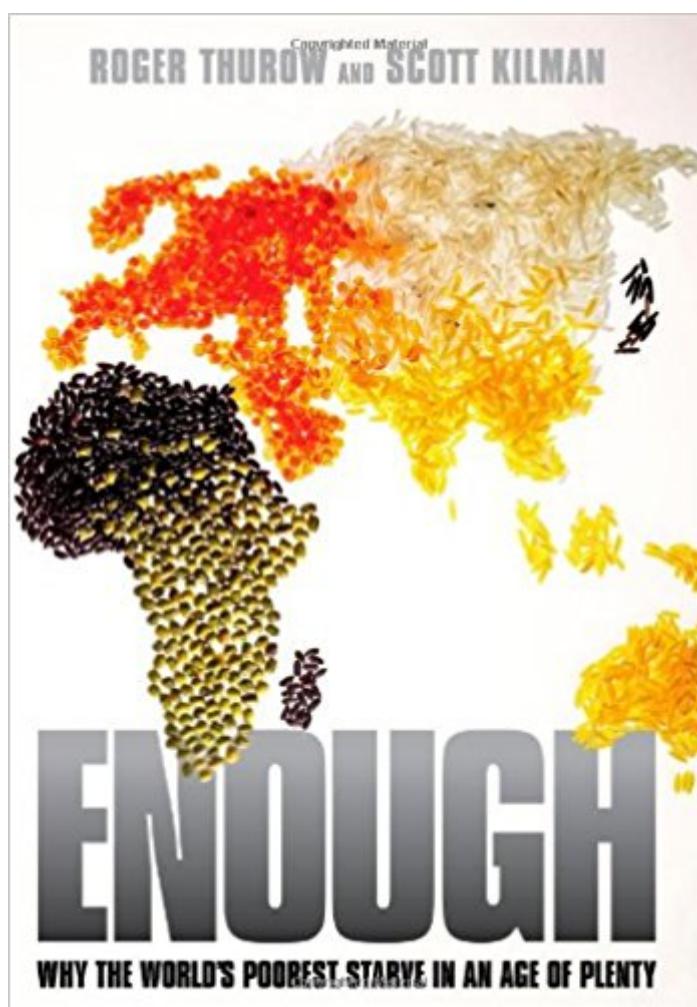


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# Enough: Why The World's Poorest Starve In An Age Of Plenty.



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For more than thirty years, humankind has known how to grow enough food to end chronic hunger worldwide. Yet while the "Green Revolution" succeeded in South America and Asia, it never got to Africa. More than 9 million people every year die of hunger, malnutrition, and related diseases every year; most of them in Africa and most of them children. More die of hunger in Africa than from AIDS and malaria combined. Now, an impending global food crisis threatens to make things worse. In the west we think of famine as a natural disaster, brought about by drought; or as the legacy of brutal dictators. But in this powerful investigative narrative, Thurow & Kilman show exactly how, in the past few decades, American, British, and European policies conspired to keep Africa hungry and unable to feed itself. As a new generation of activists work to keep famine from spreading, *Enough* is essential reading on a humanitarian issue of utmost urgency.

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I had to read this book for a Food Politics class. This book tells the story of how people continue to go hungry when there is more than enough food in the world to go around. It starts out by giving a

overview of the origins of the Green Revolution and its effects. It then moves on to the problems that are facing the farming world now. Some issues covered are farm subsidies, the issues with food aid, distribution problems, and lack of infrastructure. The book will, as others said, make you very angry. But it will sooth you somewhat with the ending. Make no mistake, this is a very political book. If you do not agree with its premise, you may not enjoy reading it. Overall, this is a very good book. It is written in a very approachable manner. I found myself constantly reading just one extra page. I would recommend it to anyone who wants to gain insight into the world of food politics and people who would like to learn a little more.

This book broke my heart to read. I had to put it down a few times due to the reality of the malnourishment of the global majority. The food crisis in third world countries is an issue that we all know about but often overlook due to living in our environment of plenty. Living in a nation of "all you can eat" buffets, "super sizes" and an obesity issue when a vast majority do not even have access to clean drinking water, this book made me very uneasy. If you are looking for a purpose greater than yourself, this is a book that will cause you to respond and react. Katrina Smith Author of The Butterfly Movement & Evicting Jezebel Evicting Jezebel: The Rising Trend of Aggressive Women

This is one of the best books I have ever read. It is clear, focused, and totally convincing. It takes complex theoretical issues and expresses them in interesting, concrete examples. I have recommended it whenever I speak with people who are interested in issues of food and fairness. I gained many insights although I thought I was familiar with the issues before I read this.

I ordered these to share with friends.

Very informative book. Decisions made in Washington DC have huge impacts across the globe. I have purchased several copies of this book to distribute to friends and family so they can educate themselves in the world of global food policy.

If I had my way, a well-thumbed copy of this book would rest on the desk of every US Senator and member of Congress, and they'd be thinking about the issues the authors raise while crafting their policies. America loves to talk about free markets (it's one of the features of the current health care debate, for instance) -- except when it's not in the national interest, as in agriculture. So we subsidize our farmers, enabling them to produce so much grain that we then have a vested interest

in dumping as 'free' food aid it in Africa to meet any short-term supply shortfalls, when a more appropriate response would be to support grassroots efforts to develop new farming techniques, seeds and agricultural markets that would enable Africa to become self-sustaining on a regional if not always a local basis. "It's not in the interest of others to help us become self-sufficient," pronounces one Ethiopian in this book -- a claim that Thurow and Kilman prove beyond any reasonable doubt, then hold up to scorn and mockery. Some of the contents of this powerful and damning book are tough to read -- there are the depictions of famine on the one hand, and the details of how agricultural markets and seed development function, which can become dauntingly complex, on the other. But the authors mix up the technical details with more than enough encounters with real-life players, from farmers in the developed world as well as Africa, to aid officials, scientists and others trying to change the system. We meet a woman who launches a commodities exchange in Ethiopia, and a new breed of seed salesman who works miles away from the nearest town and thus makes it possible for farmers to buy the latest seeds, tools and fertilizers and improve their yields with his advice and guidance. They point us to the most damning examples of foreign interference or indifference, such as the US political support for Egypt that has made it hard for drought-stricken regions of Ethiopia to dam parts of the Blue Nile to irrigate their fields -- all the water must flow north to the Delta, so that an Egyptian farmer's calves can take showers. They draw the link between hunger and other problems -- lack of education, HIV/AIDS -- and point out how solving hunger often is needed before philanthropists tackle other laudable projects. This is simply one of the most powerful and chilling books about global issues I've read in a while. The authors follow where the facts lead them, not any ideological agenda, and report what their research and reporting shows them. The story-telling is powerful and the logic impeccable. The consequences of the distorted system that is still functioning today are downright chilling, not just on a humanitarian but a geopolitical basis. A must-read book -- six stars...

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