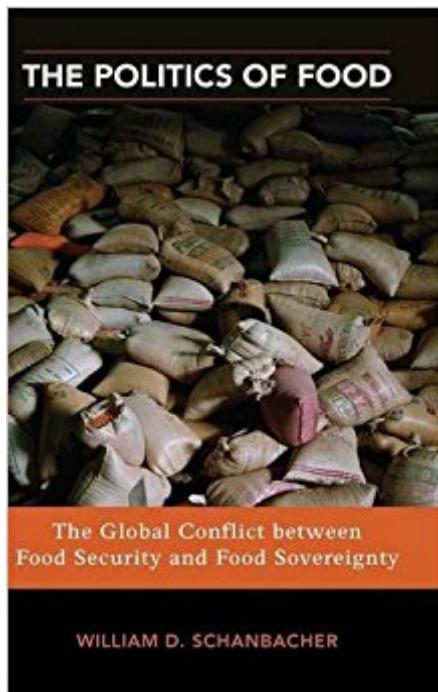


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Synopsis

A description of the current global food system, this book challenges our ethical responsibility to the global poor and implicates us all for failing to curb global hunger and malnutrition. Includes citations and references to primary source documents of the United Nations, World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Trade Organization. Offers an index of key terms and themes, such as food security, food sovereignty, and human rights

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This book is pretty dense considering how short it is. It's one of those books where you learn a lot in 100 pages but not in the most interesting or exciting ways. It almost feels like the kind of reading you'd find in a textbook. That being said, I learned a TON about the world of food politics, which is what I was looking for at the end of the day. If you are interested in the idea of food sovereignty, understanding the difference between the United Nations approach to food sovereignty and how the policies of the World Trade Organization, World Bank, IMF, etc effect the food supply, global hunger and poverty, this book will provide you with all of that. It also covers a few case studies, the slow food movement and lays out a (believe it or not) considerably pragmatic approach to reduce global poverty.

The only other reviewer thought this book is dense. This book is definitely college level. It presents

politics, health, and social frameworks to explain the food sovereignty issues ("the political/human right of a community or country to determine its own policies regarding food security") and food security issues ("provision of sufficient and predictable food supplies through planned reserves or through stable markets"). You may want to read another review for this book at the New Agriculturalist website. Another book that you might find more helpful in understanding social change is: *Ways of Social Change: Making Sense of Modern Times* by Garth Massey. It is an easier read than McMichael (see my reference). They cover similar subjects, but McMichael covers more subjects apace and with a sharper tone. He also peppers his book with references from global authors, giving his book a more global perspective rather than a western-centric perspective. Reference: McMichael, Philip. (2012). *Development and Social Change: a Global Perspective*. Page 364.

An excellent discussion on the global conflict between food security and politics. Thought provoking, and hopefully will provide some incentive for those in powerful positions to improve the current environment. Succinctly written and packed with information, great as a classroom tool, but also an essential read for those from the political world with influence enough to implement some of the suggestions. The case studies included throughout the book are invaluable, especially for classroom discussions and activities.

Gives you an understanding of different cultures needing different foods. Explains food policy very well, and how it affects people in different cultures differently.

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