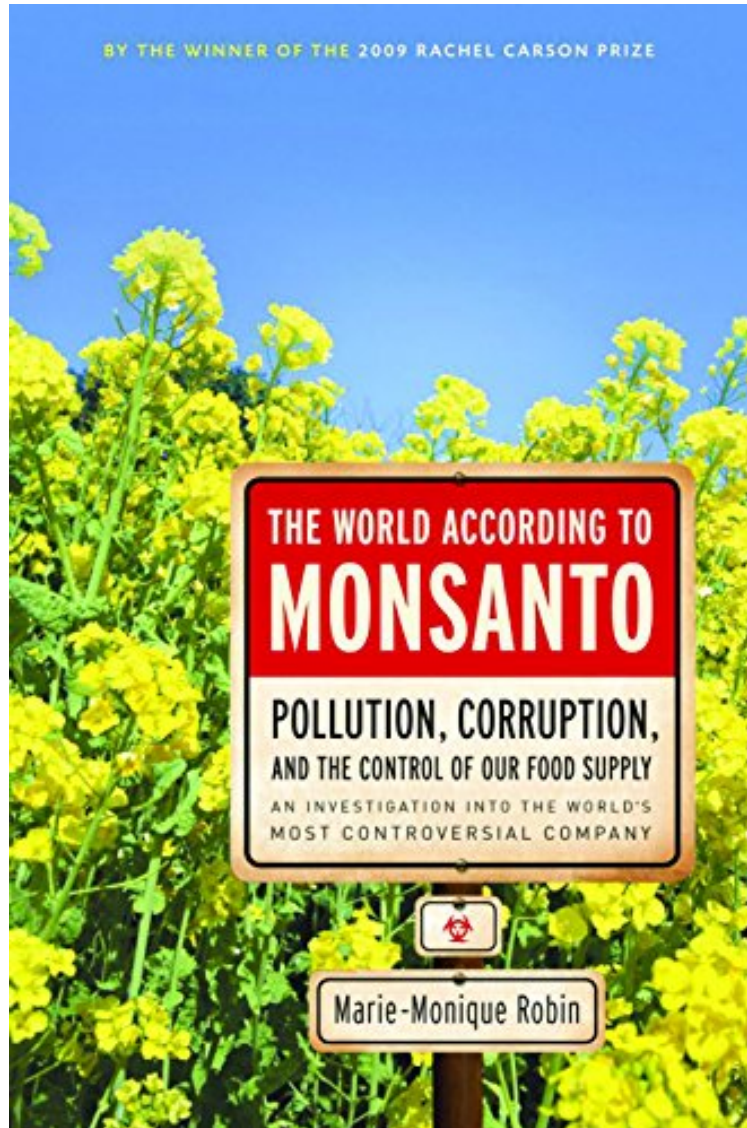


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Marie-Monique Robin : The World According to Monsanto before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The World According to Monsanto:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Patenting of Living ThingsBy blue ocotilloThe patenting of living things - good, bad, or a combination of the two? Monsanto, without question, is a cutting-edge company. Whether or not this avant garde direction of patenting is beneficial for the human family is the question Marie-Monique Robin asks and subsequently answers in the negative, after weighing the pros and cons.Interestingly, it was difficult for me to find a thoroughly-researched and scholarly treatise on Monsanto Corporation as I was doing

research for my own book, "Just a Little Bit More: The Culture of Excess and the Fate of the Common Good" (Blue Ocotillo/ACTA, 2014). Few American authors have been willing to take on Monsanto; this French author, with a healthy lack of fear, does so admirably. Robin covers Monsanto's history with PCBs and other chemicals it has produced over the years (including rBGH, now eliminated in some of the milk sold in the US), the GMO debate, biodiversity and monoculture, government regulation on agribusiness and its employee "revolving door" between the two entities, and other critical topics. If you're familiar with farming practices in the US, you know that Monsanto's patented soy beans have revolutionized the way farmers work their fields (and in other parts of the world, including - significantly - Brazil and Argentina). Before, "walking beans" (pulling out large weeds) was a necessity prior to harvesting. Nowadays, with Monsanto's "Round Up Ready" soy beans, there's no need. Soybean fields in the Upper Midwest are relatively clean from weeds. But we know that nature always adapts - biodiversity, thankfully, has always ruled and will rule. Weeds will modify themselves and Monsanto will counter by continuing to tweak its product. This dance between nature and this for-profit corporation, Robin argues, ultimately is not beneficial for the well-being of the human family. As an example, the Green Revolution (roughly 1945-1975) was produced by a public-private partnership helping feed many millions, with important initial funding coming from the Rockefeller Foundation. The Gene Revolution--mostly a private venture, Monsanto at the lead--has similar potential to nourish millions, but the inherent conflict between private profit and social returns obstructs its success. Farmers in poorer countries (especially African)--hindered by exorbitant pricing by for-profit seed companies like Monsanto--are essentially excluded. Robin's interview with Vandana Shiva, an Indian physicist and ecologist, on the comparison of Monsanto's efforts in India with its patented herbicide-proof cotton seed and the colonial age - "the patenting of life is a continuation of the first colonization" (p. 312)- is wrought with significance and consequence. Highly recommended. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great book; I'm thankful for investigative journalism. By hydroxide Marie-Monique Robin does a fantastic job of detailing Monsanto's past and present actions which paints a clear picture of this corrupt multinational organization. The author's brevity when making her points is also successful. At no time did I feel bogged down by numerous quotes and facts; I felt her points were "clean" and they invited me to further research the topic and sources if I felt so inclined. So, do yourself a favor and read this book, and more importantly, do your own "fact checking" and research from now on. As it was demonstrated in this book, multinational companies will pull out all the stops to make more money, crossing all ethical, moral, and legal bounds. If you are wanting to right what has been wronged, do it with your wallet. Companies such as Monsanto not only live, but also die, by the dollar. Buy whole foods, organic and locally grown if possible. Educate your friends and neighbors. Read labels, ask questions. Your health depends on it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful. By Goddess Shadow Haven't finished yet. Needed to take a break at mid point. This is not for the faint or weak of heart. The corruption of our ecosystem and political system are interconnected. Even if you are on the fence about organic foods and farming, this is a great book to read just to use as a reference guide for further reading about the chemicals that are sprayed all over the food we put in our mouths. This is for me, probably one of my most passionate and sensitive issues due to the decline of nutritional value in our food, in our soil and the destruction of our precious, delicate earth. I'm not a hippy, I love modern technology but I am not ignorant enough to believe that advancement comes without a price. The author, goes under cover into some territory that could get her hurt with even just voicing her opinion about such a powerful company such as Monsanto. I've learned much. Though it was an Italian company, lol. Read just for a better understanding of what Dow Chemical and other chemical manufacturing companies are doing. I know there are those of you out there that believe we need to save crops from bugs, feed the world, but that isn't what we are doing. When I was growing up we planted Marigolds around the garden to keep rabbits out, we didn't put arsenic on it to kill the rabbit and then wash it and eat it. Just think about it. For those of you who are already aware of the axis evil (:) as I said I needed to put it down mid point because it was too much to take. Overwhelmed by the idiocracy of the general public, politicians in the pocket and the realization that we need to get the whole process and start from scratch. I thought I knew a lot about Monsanto but I knew very little. This book is a real eye opener and I have researched what seemed like hype or spin. Very scary s***.

Published to stellar praise worldwide, *The World According to Monsanto* charts award-winning journalist and documentary filmmaker Marie-Monique Robins three-year journey across four continents to uncover the disturbing practices of multinational agribusiness corporation Monsanto. The book exposes the shocking story of how the new green face of the world's leading producer of GMOs (genetically modified organisms) is no less malign than its PCB and Agent Orange soaked past. Monsanto currently controls the majority of the yield of the world's genetically modified corn and soy ingredients found in more than 95 percent of American households and its alarming legal and political tactics to maintain this monopoly are the subject of worldwide concern, with baleful consequences for the world's small-scale farmers. Selected as a finalist for the New York Public Library's 2011 Helen Bernstein Book Award for Excellence in Journalism, *The World According to Monsanto* is positioned to increase awareness of a serious threat to our food supply.

No one who cares for their freedom and health can afford to ignore this very important book. Vandana Shiva, author of *Earth Democracy* and *Stolen Harvest* A truly eye-opening view of how American business-as-usual really works. Daily Kos "Robins outrage is well supported by wide-ranging scientific evidence . . . even lay readers are prodded to wise up and increase their awareness of what has become a serious threat." Kirkus s "Sends chills down the spine. . . . After reading this, we can no longer afford to turn a blind eye." Le Point "Passionate and truly rich reporting." Libration "[An] incredibly documented work." LExpress