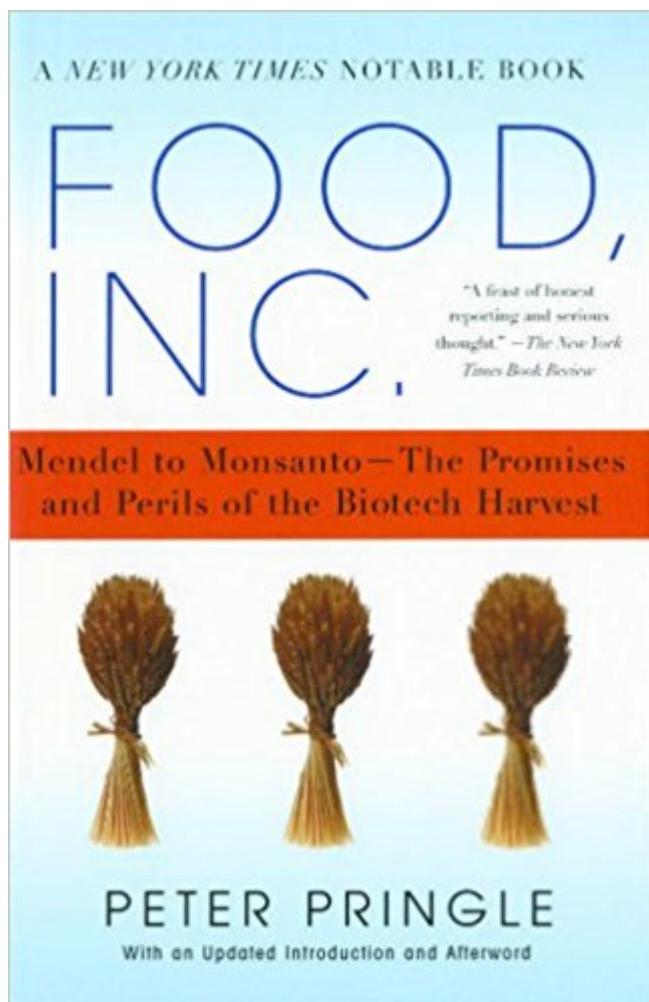


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Food, Inc.: Mendel To Monsanto--The Promises And Perils Of The



Synopsis

For most people, the global war over genetically modified foods is a distant and confusing one. The battles are conducted in the mystifying language of genetics. A handful of corporate "life science" giants, such as Monsanto, are pitted against a worldwide network of anticorporate eco-warriors like Greenpeace. And yet the possible benefits of biotech agriculture to our food supply are too vital to be left to either partisan. The companies claim to be leading a new agricultural revolution that will save the world with crops modified to survive frost, drought, pests, and plague. The greens warn that "playing God" with plant genes is dangerous. It could create new allergies, upset ecosystems, destroy biodiversity, and produce uncontrollable mutations. Worst of all, the antibiotech forces say, a single food conglomerate could end up telling us what to eat. In *Food, Inc.*, acclaimed journalist Peter Pringle shows how both sides in this overheated conflict have made false promises, engaged in propaganda science, and indulged in fear-mongering. In this urgent dispatch, he suggests that a fertile partnership between consumers, corporations, scientists, and farmers could still allow the biotech harvest to reach its full potential in helping to overcome the problem of world hunger, providing nutritious food and keeping the environment healthy.

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Customer Reviews

I second those people who found this book to be a bit TOO concise. In failing to offer important details about issues like Dr. Pusztai's experiments, or the L-triptophan contamination (in this case, the author even gives out the wrong information that more than one brand was involved), the book may be at times misleading. On the other hand, it is fairly unbiased. But in the sense that it shows how both sides on this issue have gone a little overboard in their efforts, by exaggerating their claims. Anyway, it's worth reading if you have some previous knowledge about the issue and want to refresh your mind on the most relevant events.

I wouldn't listen to the negative nancies here. These books are needed in our culture. There may be some parts that are not in-depth or some facts that are slightly skewed but it doesn't change the fact that these companies are purely about greed and power. At the top they will do anything in their power to rip apart small farms and herald the new awakening of everything GMO without producing but a couple ridiculous studies that have no bearing on if they are safe or not. When Monsanto sees a problem they buy ****. They buy any and everything they can to silence that problem. Maybe there are some decent people working at the company but let me tell you if I met one of these people face to face I would spit on them. They are dirt. Nothing they have done to this point is positive for our culture, our farms, or our children. They are liars and cowards to the bone. There is a reason European countries are banning GMOs. They have absolutely no safety regulations whatsoever. The book is more of an overview of the science and history behind the tech and firms. It may not be the best but it gives you a balanced view on the culture behind a lot of biotech history. A good quick read. Probably more like 4 stars but I must give it the full as these things right now are very important for our culture to understand it the fullest degree.

THis book was very interesting! explains everything to the detail, and doesn't get too boring. It makes you look at food a different way and ask yourself if the food you are eating is probably genetically modified.

Good information& history of GMO. Beginning is great; then it tapers off. Need to update this book with current events.

My main reservation with the book is that it really doesn't give you enough information to make up your own mind, it covers a lot of different 'events' in the history of GM but it doesn't go below the surface, beyond what you would read in a newspaper article. For example, it talks about the work of Berkeley researchers showing contamination of Mexican crops with American GM ones, and it talks about how the critics claimed the researchers made mistakes 1st year grad students are taught not to make, and it talks about how it is the only article Nature has taken away support after publishing it. And that's it, then it moves on to another topic. But: What was the flaw in the study? What was the defense of the authors? What have follow up studies concluded? I don't know, because it is not in the book. So what did I learn from this? That GM is a research topic that raises controversies, which is the reason I bought the book in the first place! But I did not learn about the true potential danger of contamination from GM to non-GM crops. This is not an isolated example, most of the book (written by a journalist) is consistent with the cynical view that journalists know a bit of everything, but a lot about nothing... I will have to read another book on GM-food to really make up my mind, not a lot of informative information here. Just a bunch of facts and anecdotes leaving out the true scientific value of them out!

This book and the movie that goes with it are awesome. Everyone should be growing and eating their own food to the extent possible to them. They should be buying from local farmers who use sustainable, chemical free methods. I also recommend: A Animal Vegetable Miracle 1ST Edition Eat healthy and live drug [prescription medicines] free!

I read this whole book. What a boring read it was. I hope I never meet the author for he must be the most boring person alive. I had to re read many sentences especially ones starting with conjunction to make sense of it. I only give it 2 stars instead of 1 because there was a few interesting facts about rice and how industrializing agriculture saved a billion people from starving.

These are so great! The product arrived on time and was well packaged. My wife has been baking some wonderful loaves of artisan-type rye, white and whole wheat breads. They are very crusty, and we had experienced some difficulty finding a product that could handle the crust. This product worked extremely well, cutting through the crust with ease. We are very pleased with our recent purchase. as a gift to Tommy, good quality with low price. good product with high quality.

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