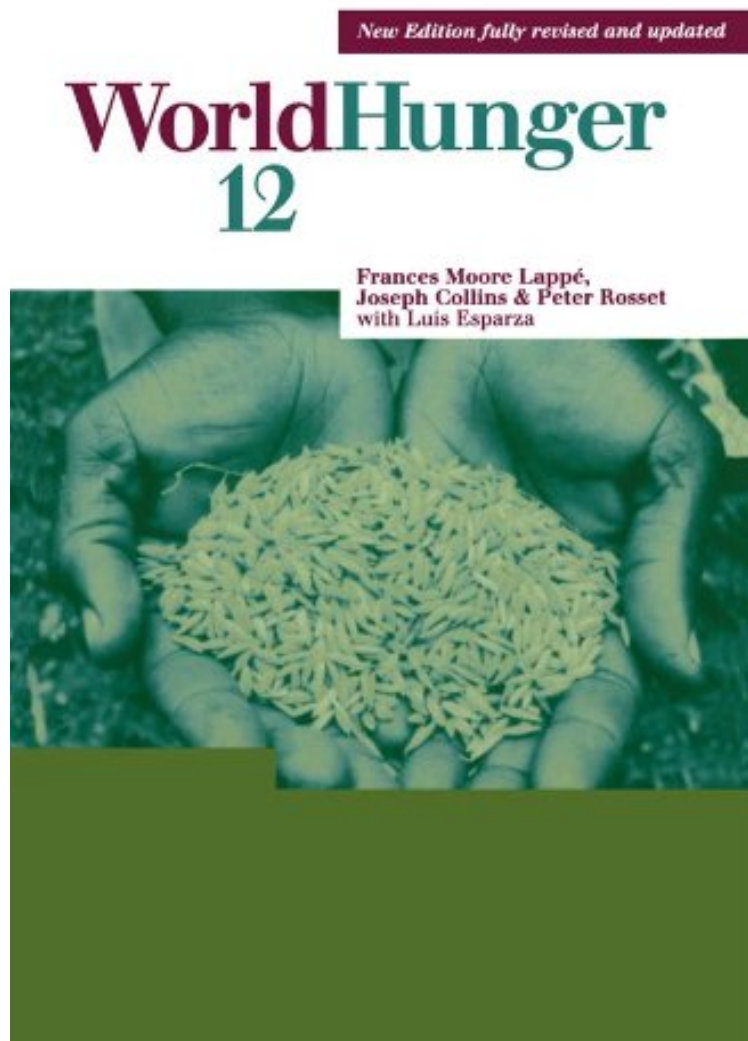


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Essential introductory primer on global food issues By M. A. Krull Lappeacute; et al.'s "World Hunger: Twelve Myths", a production of the Institute for Food and Development Policy, does exactly what it promises: it mentions and then subsequently refutes twelve often held false beliefs about global food issues and worldwide hunger. Although most of the material in this book will be familiar to anyone who has made some study of development issues, economic theory, and Third World politics, it is nonetheless an excellent

primer for those who do not. The accessible and simple writing style, the useful examples, the systematic approach to all the relevant issues in food policy, and the historical awareness in the book all combine to make it the best introduction to the world problematic of agriculture that one could give to family, friends and so forth. The twelve myths addressed are familiar: that the world is overpopulated, that hunger is caused by absolute lack of food, that food production cannot be both efficient and good for the environment, that biotechnology will solve the problem for us (or has), that free trade or free markets will solve the food issue, that foreign aid is the best way to address it, and so forth. Though the authors of the book shy away from any too radical conclusions in their refutations of the above, and they are sometimes quite naive in their appeal to people's interests (particularly in the part where they argue that the American working class has broadly the same interests as the Third World poor), nonetheless their facts and arguments are correct and to the point, and the conclusions the authors do not wish to draw are no less obvious for that. Lappe et al. can even help refute misconceptions about food widely held among the left, such as a distaste for organic production as inefficient or elitist, or the idea that as long as you eat vegetarian, you're not contributing to food or environmental problems. In summary, although one should not take all the conclusions the authors draw at face value, this book is an excellent primer and introduction to global agriculture issues when it comes to the facts. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Politics of Food By Sandy Penny Frances Moore Lappe is a political and social visionary. The author of *Diet for a Small Planet*, in *World Hunger*, she points out how food is wrongly being used as a political tool. She gives us hope and guidance for making it better, in a voice that anyone can understand. She has dedicated her life to making sure that people get fed, that food is grown safely, and that we make cautious decisions about how we handle our food supply. I highly respect her opinions and recommend her books to anyone interested in the politics of food and how it affects our future. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good overview By Rafter Great overview of issues relating to chronic poverty. There are plenty of endnotes to support what the authors are saying and provide avenues for further investigation. I read a lot of development literature and books. Easy to read, great intro type book.

The revised edition of this text includes substantial new material on hunger in the aftermath of the Cold War; global food production versus population growth; changing demographics and falling birth rates around the world; the shifting focus of foreign assistance in the new world order; structural adjustment and other budget-slashing policies; trade liberalization and free trade agreements; famine and humanitarian interventions; and the third worldization of developed nations.

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In this completely revised and updated edition of the most authoritative book on world hunger, three of our foremost experts on food and agriculture expose and explode the myths that prevent us from effectively addressing the problem. Drawing on and distilling the extensive research of the Institute for Food and Development Policy (Food First), Lapp, Collins, and Rosset examine head-on the policies and politics that have kept hungry people from feeding themselves around the world, in both Third and First World countries, as well as the misconceptions that have obscured our own national, social, and humanitarian interests. Written in a straightforward, easy-to-read style, *World Hunger: Twelve Myths* shakes many tenaciously held beliefs; but most important, it convinces readers that by standing together with the hungry we can advance not only humanitarian interests, but our own well-being. "World Hunger addresses problems of enormous human significance with valuable and often surprising information, much insight, sound common sense, and fundamental decency. It should become not only a book for study, but a guide to action." -Noam Chomsky, MIT "A marvelously lucid message: the most important cause of death and disease is hunger; the remedy is food; the remedy exists. Their message swiftly demolishes the myths and powerfully arms us for the political task of ending hunger, here and throughout the world." -Dr. Barry Commoner Frances Moore Lapp is the author of twelve books including the international bestseller, *Diet for a Small Planet*, and co-director of the Center for Living Democracy in Brattleboro, Vermont. In 1975, she and Joseph Collins founded the Oakland-based Institute for Food and Development Policy. Dr. Collins' many books include *Food First: Beyond the Myth of Scarcity*, and *Aid as Obstacle: Twenty Questions About Our Foreign Aid and the Hungry* (both with Lapp, as well as *No Free Lunch: Food and Revolution in Cuba*, and *Chile's Free Market Miracle: A Second Look*. An author, lecturer and consultant on international development issues, Collins makes his home in Santa Cruz, California. Peter Rosset is the Executive Director of the Institute for Food and Development Policy. Dr. Rosset's many books include *A Cautionary Tale: Failed U.S. Development Policy in Central America*, *The Greening of the Revolution: Cuba's Experiment with Organic Agriculture*, and *Agroecology*. Dr. Luis Esparza is a Geographer from the National Autonomous University of Mexico

(UNAM). About the Author Frances Moore Lappe' is the author of Diet for a Small Planet, which has sold over three million copies, and seventeen other books. She is a recipient of the Right Livelihood Award, the "Alternative Nobel." Rosset is executive director of Food First/The Institute for Food and Development Policy. He has a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan and teaches at Stanford University. Joseph Collins has been researching and writing about international food and development issues for five decades. He is a consultant to the United Nations and international charities.