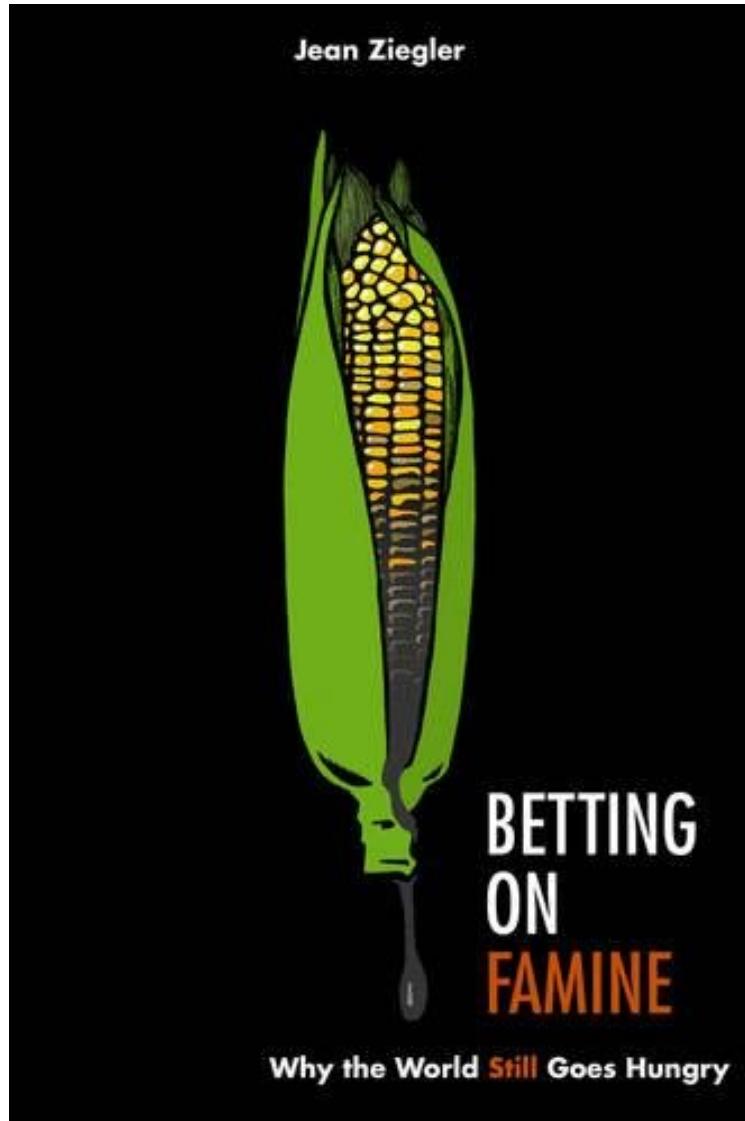


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**Jean Ziegler : Betting on Famine: Why the World Still Goes Hungry** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Betting on Famine: Why the World Still Goes Hungry:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A display of Mr Ziegler's frustrationBy Jeff"Betting on Famine" contains enough statistics and facts to really emphasize the horror of hunger. While it may not surprise many people nowadays that a vast number of the human population is starving, Mr Ziegler does well in reminding us not to forget. Although, I feel as if Mr Ziegler could have allocated more chapters to the structural problems and delve into more details of the workings of international organizations and their actions, rather than listing different types of malicious

effects of hunger like an encyclopedia of human physiology. I do think those chapters on the effects of hunger are necessary, maybe in order to have the bigger 'shock' factor to drive the message home, but it feels a bit overemphasized in the general context of the book. Other than that, I highly recommend this book to anyone, as Mr Ziegler makes it easy to read and understand. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By carole lafreniere excellent book, in depth handling of the topic 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By KANG JONG HO Works as expected.

Few know that world hunger was very nearly eradicated in our lifetimes. In the past five years, however, widespread starvation has suddenly reappeared, and chronic hunger is a major issue on every continent. In an extensive investigation of this disturbing shift, Jean Ziegler, one of the world's leading food experts, lays out in clear and accessible terms the complex global causes of the new hunger crisis. Ziegler's wide-ranging and fascinating examination focuses on how the new sustainable revolution in energy production has diverted millions of acres of corn, soy, wheat, and other grain crops from food to fuel. The results, he shows, have been sudden and startling, with declining food reserves sending prices to record highs and a new global commodities market in ethanol and other biofuels gobbling up arable lands in nearly every continent on earth. Like Raj Patel's pathbreaking *Stuffed and Starved*, *Betting on Famine* will enlighten the millions of Americans concerned about the politics of food at home and about the forces that prevent us from feeding the world's children.

"During his 2000-2008 tenure as U.N. special rapporteur on the right to food, Ziegler . . . traveled worldwide to understand hunger and the international policies that he believes cause it (including those that promote the use of crops for biofuels). In this devastating book, he describes the horrors of food insecurity, the callousness of 'crusaders of neoliberalism' who control food and land access, and the individuals and grassroots organizations fighting for subsistence farmers and the right to food. Interspersed with statistics and policy critiques are vivid depictions of victims of this crisis, giving readers a visceral sense of the reality of the 'mass destruction' caused by hunger and malnutrition." *Publishers Weekly* (starred review) "An impassioned and highly readable account of a major tragedy of our time. Ziegler brings together singular expertise and years of on-the-ground testimony in a pointed analysis that we can ignore only at our collective peril." Maude Barlow, chair of the Council of Canadians and author of *Blue Covenant: The Global Water Crisis and the Fight for the Right to Water* "Ziegler puts the desperation, sadness, and outrage of continuing hunger and malnutrition into the bright light of day and, in doing so, underscores the absolute insanity of the biofuel scam and the notion that we should be burning food to make motor fuel. This book is Ziegler's *cri de coeur*. It deserves attention. Even more, it demands action." Robert Bryce, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute and author of *Power Hungry: The Myths of Green Energy and the Real Fuels of the Future* "*Betting on Famine* is the seminal book on global poverty and hunger. . . . Ziegler's compelling narrative, much of it based on firsthand experience, tells the heartbreaking and gripping story of how rapacious speculators and complicit bureaucrats are starving a billion people. . . . A persuasive call to action." Wenonah Hauter, executive director of Food Water Watch and author of *Foodopoly: The Battle Over the Future of Food and Farming in America* "Passionate, well-researched, objective, and illuminating. . . . When we close this book, indignant, we know that those who die of hunger are victims of money and power." *LEXPRESS* "Complex and rich. . . . In a learned and enticing manner, [Ziegler] intertwines timely data and observations of the terrain with illuminating descriptions of the inner workings of international organizations." *Le Temps*