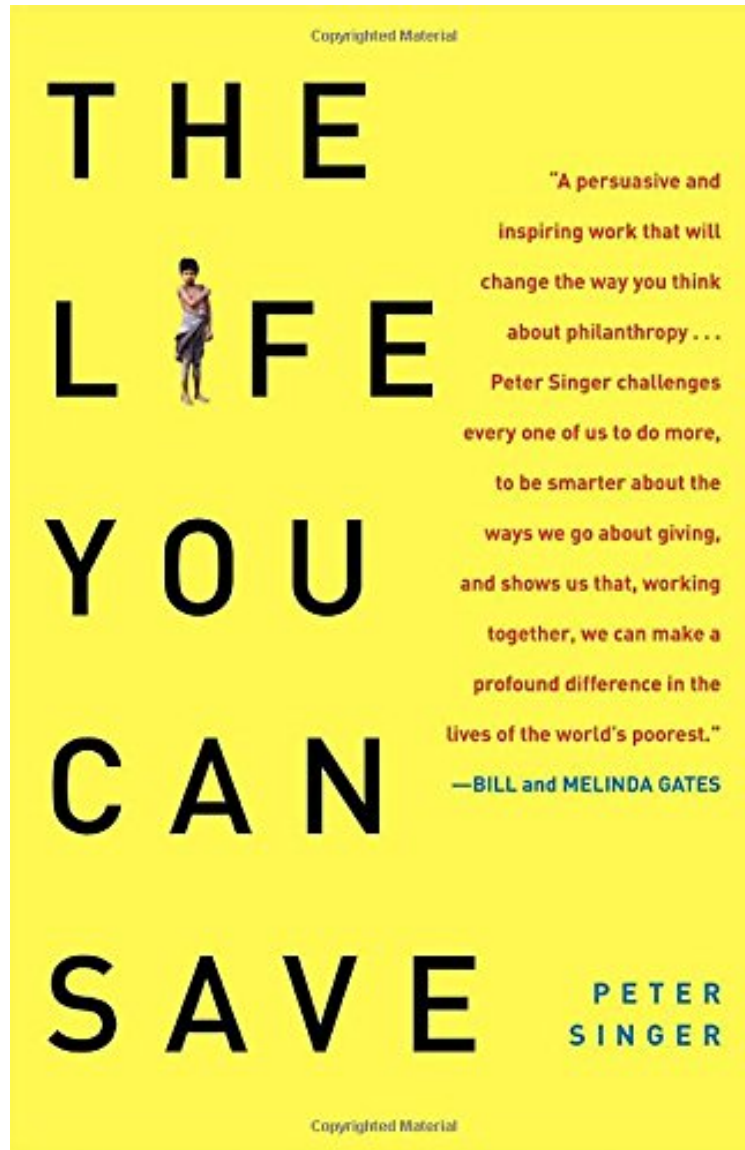


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Peter Singer : The Life You Can Save: How to Do Your Part to End World Poverty before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Life You Can Save: How to Do Your Part to End World Poverty:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good information and good to know facts and statistics
By sun_muse
I have wanted to contribute more but in a way that would make the greatest impact. This book shows you where your money goes best. It does talk quite a bit about ethical and moral obligations to help those in need. I happen to agree with this viewpoint, but I can see others points of view that says this comes off as a bit judgmental. However, I appreciate Singer's decision not to sugarcoat and unapologetically describe how we are obligated to help others when we are born into privilege and first-world opportunities. I think Singer could spend more time describing how he came at his recommended percentages of income to give. I also love hearing about people's stories (which I read on his website) about their experience in giving. This would be a nice transition/break from statistics...more reader friendly. However, this book is valid and relevant to the world's needs. Highly recommended!
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. but the audience he's probably talking to needs to hear why its's a big world and they need to do more to make it better.
By Wade Rathke
An interesting argument and sometimes a persuasive one. I wish Singer encouraged more people to actually "do the work" and contribute with their time, energy, and sweat, rather than just money, but the audience he's probably talking to needs to hear why its's a big world and they need to do more to make it better.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The most clear exposition I've yet read of the implications ...
By Joel
The most clear exposition I've yet read of the implications (largely unrecognized by most people in their everyday lives) of affirming the equal dignity of all persons -- and thus the equal value/scandal of their suffering. A powerful teaching tool since just about every student in my classes would say that they believe all people are equal and would affirm universal human rights, but this helps them to realize just what that might all commit them to. I also appreciated the concrete suggestions re: implication, so that students aren't left with a despairing, "So now what?!" feeling at the end.

For the first time in history, eradicating world poverty is within our reach. Yet around the world, a billion people struggle to live each day on less than many of us pay for bottled water. In *The Life You Can Save*, Peter Singer uses ethical arguments, illuminating examples, and case studies of charitable giving to show that our current response to world poverty is not only insufficient but morally indefensible. *The Life You Can Save* teaches us to be a part of the solution, helping others as we help ourselves.

From Publishers Weekly
Starred . Part plea, part manifesto, part handbook, this short and surprisingly compelling book sets out to answer two difficult questions: why people in affluent countries should donate money to fight global poverty and how much each should give. Singer (*Animal Liberation*) dismantles the justifications people make for not giving and highlights the successes of such efforts as microfinance in Bangladesh, GiveWells charitable giving and the 50% League, where members donate more than half their wealth. Singer alternately cajoles and scolds: he pillories Microsoft cofounder Paul Allen, who has given less than his former partner, Bill Gates, and lives far more extravagantly: His toys include a large collection of vintage military aircraft and a 413-foot oceangoing yacht called Octopus that cost him over \$200 million and has a permanent crew of sixty. Singer contrasts Allens immoderation with the work of Paul Farmer (a cofounder of the international social justice organization Partners in Health) and the cost of basic health services in Haiti (\$3,500 per life saved), or malaria nets (\$623\$2,367 per life saved). Singer doesnt ask readers to choose between asceticism and self-indulgence; his solution can be found in the middle, and it is reasonable and rewarding for all. (Mar.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Advance praise for *The Life You Can Save*
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Publishers Weekly (starred review)
If you think you cant afford to give money to the needy, I urge you to read this book. If you think youre already giving enough, and to the right places, still I urge you to read this book. In *The Life You Can Save*, Peter Singer makes a strong casellogical and factual, but also emotionalfor why each of us should be doing more for the worlds impoverished. This book will challenge you to be a better person.
Holden Karnofsky, cofounder, GiveWell
In *The Life You Can Save*, Peter Singer challenges each of us to ask: Am I willing to make poverty history? Skillfully weaving together parable, philosophy, and hard statistics, he tackles the most familiar moral, ethical, and ideological obstacles to building a global culture of philanthropy, and sets the bar for how we as citizens might do our part to empower the worlds poor.
Raymond C. Offenheiser, president, Oxfam America
From the Hardcover edition.
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Peter Singer is Ira W. DeCamp Professor of Bioethics at Princeton University. He is the author, co-author, or editor of more than thirty books, including *Animal Liberation*, widely considered to be the founding statement of the animal rights movement, *Practical Ethics*, and *One World: Ethics and Globalization*.
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