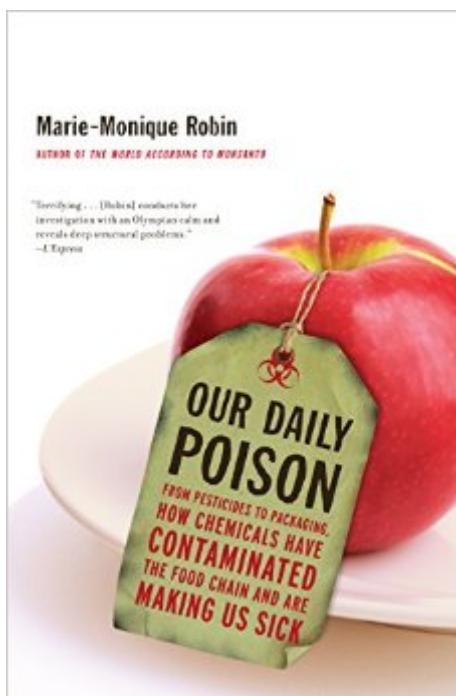


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Our Daily Poison: From Pesticides To Packaging, How Chemicals Have Contaminated The Food Chain And Are Making Us Sick



Synopsis

Over the last thirty years, we have seen an increase in rates of cancer, neurodegenerative disease, reproductive disorders, and diabetes, particularly in developed countries. At the same time, since the end of World War II approximately 100,000 synthetic chemical molecules have invaded our environmentâ "and our food chain. In *Our Daily Poison*, award-winning journalist and documentary filmmaker Marie-Monique Robin investigates the links between these two concerning trends, revealing how corporate interests and our ignorance about these invisible poisons may be costing us our lives. The result of a rigorous two-year-long investigation that took Robin across three continents (North America, Europe, and Asia), *Our Daily Poison* documents the many ways in which we encounter a shocking array of chemicals in our everyday livesâ "from the pesticides that blanket our crops to the additives and plastics that contaminate our foodâ "and their effects on our bodies over time. Gathering as evidence scientific studies, testimonies of international regulatory agencies, and interviews with farm workers suffering from acute chronic poisoning, Robin makes a compelling case for outrage and action.

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Wow. If you've paid any attention at all you already know everything in Robin's blockbuster account, but you don't know the half of it. Agrochemical, pharmaceutical and industrial corporations are poisoning us and the planet with full knowledge of their culpability and every intention of keeping things that way. The fraud, lies, corruption, influence-peddling and self-serving reported in this book will leave you disgusted and frightened for our future. The regulatory-capture by toxic industry is worse than you imagined. The slimy "science" they employ is shocking. Toxicologists who use a particular breed of rats for animal testing because that breed is known to be immune to the substance being tested ... and then, surprise! No toxicity is demonstrated! Selective use of lab results by regulator agencies - picking a handful that demonstrate no chemical threat while ignoring 150 that do in order to justify absurdly high limits on personal exposure. Revolving door relationships between polluters and regulatory boards. And constant excuses, justifications, double-speak and worse that cloud the obvious. Robin has literally spanned the globe for this work and a companion documentary film, with no sources ignored and no stones unturned. Cancer rates are rocketing. Genetic problems are rampant. The future of animate life on our planet, most particularly including human beings, is demonstrably at risk. The only shortcoming of this amazingly well-documented work, for an English reader, is that the translation from French sometimes feels a bit odd. Perhaps it's simply that the French say things differently than this American reader, with longer sentences and differing tones. This doesn't make it particularly hard to read, just a little odd.

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