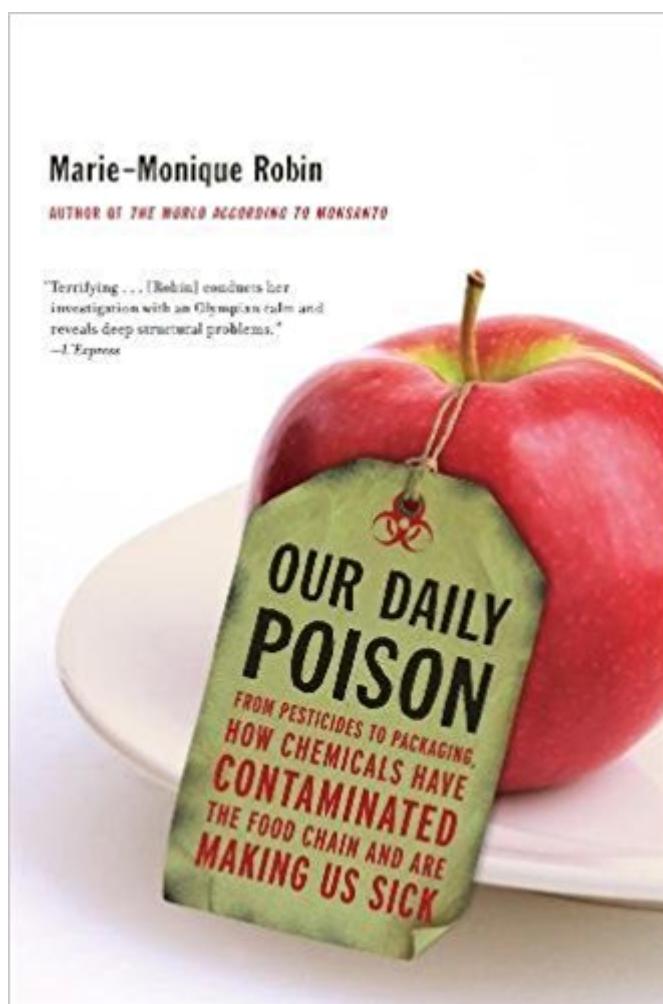


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# Our Daily Poison: From Pesticides To Packaging, How Chemicals Have Contaminated The Food Chain And Are Making Us Sick



## **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 environment—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 lives—from the pesticides that blanket our crops to the additives and plastics that contaminate our food—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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alarming and uncompromising investigation."&#151;Le Monde

Marie-Monique Robin is an award-winning French journalist and filmmaker. She received the 1995 Albert Londres Prize, awarded to investigative journalists in France. She is the director and producer of over thirty documentaries and investigative reports filmed in Latin America, Africa, Europe, and Asia. She lives outside Paris. Allison Schein and Lara Vergnaud hold Master's degrees in French-English Literary Translation from New York University. Both translators live in New York City.

Great book so far. Another testimony against chemical - artificial agriculture...

An Absolutely must read book. Excellent research and very well written. It makes one frightened for what is going to happen to the future generations that will find themselves in an unprecedented situation. How are they going to put all these poisons back in the box, which is impossible. It does not look like any government is taking real steps to at least try to undo the damage.

From my biased viewpoint that I & you deserve to live, please buy this book. The book is excellent, better than I had hoped. I'm looking forward to the movie release, date still not known.

Eye-popping rip-off-the- veil expose of the big cheaters and their cheating. Courageous reporting. Want to read Robin's Monsanto book now.

Very disappointing. I thought it was going to be a reference guide, but was not in the least.

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. And to add a bright note: in repeated studies every young child tested had traces of pesticides in her/his urine, but after switching to a fully organic diet, every child's urine was clear of any detectable trace. What you eat, you are.

Edifying and wonderfully written. Required reading for all consumers.

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