

A fresh and sharply critical introduction to the global food system and its failings. Young's analysis does not shy away from examining the complexities of a system that is leading simultaneously to crises of obesity and hunger. Students will appreciate both the big picture discussions and the many case studies that are presented throughout this book.

- Susan M. Roberts, Professor and Chair, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, USA.

A timely and welcome resource, E.M. Young has deftly synthesized academic and activist research into a coherent framework, steering a course through complex and diffuse debates around food, development and wellbeing. Students and established scholars alike will welcome this powerful but accessible analysis, which reveals the filaments of corporate power and refuses a simplistic north-south framing of key issues.

- Dr Becky Elmhirst, Course Leader (BA Hons Geography), School of Environment and Technology, University of Brighton, UK.

The relationship between food and development has always been controversial. Over the last 30 years, development in the north and south has failed to deliver people a decent diet. While some people have too little food and die as a consequence, others have too much food and die from associated diseases. Furthermore, some methods of food production create social dislocation and deadly environments where biodiversity is eroded and pollution becomes rampant.

Food and Development is a lively and lucidly written book which provides a clear and accessible introduction to these complex and diverse food-related problems. It explores the continued prevalence of mass undernutrition in the developing world, acute food crises in some places associated with conflict, the emergence of overnutrition in the developing world and the vulnerability of the contemporary global food production system. The text analyses factors at international, national and local levels to understand their continued prevalence. The book concludes by evaluating the potential of some oppositional forces to challenge the hegemony of the contemporary food system.

This timely and original book will be invaluable to undergraduates interested in the challenges surrounding food and development. The text is richly filled with case studies from the global north and south, illustrating the extent of these urgent issues and their interrelated nature. Each chapter contains a range of features to assist undergraduate learning, including learning objectives, key concepts, summaries, discussion questions, further reading, useful websites and follow-up activities.

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