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### AID AND DEVELOPMENT

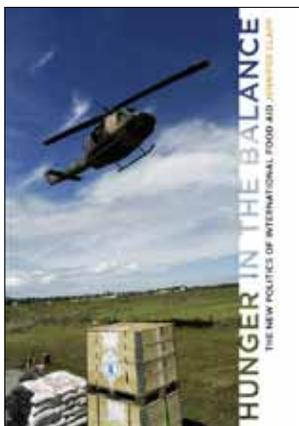


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#### **Hunger in the balance: the new politics of international food aid.**

Clapp, Jennifer. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2012.

Clapp discusses the politics of food aid, especially the tension between donor countries and their policies and practices. She addresses debates surrounding tied and untied food aid and donor relationships with recipient countries.

#### **The oil curse: how petroleum wealth shapes the development of nations.** Ross, Michael. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2012.

Ross analyzes the effect of petroleum wealth on developing countries. Countries rich in natural resources, he says, experience less democracy, less economic growth, and more conflict than those without mineral wealth. He suggests how such countries may turn their natural resources into a positive force for development.

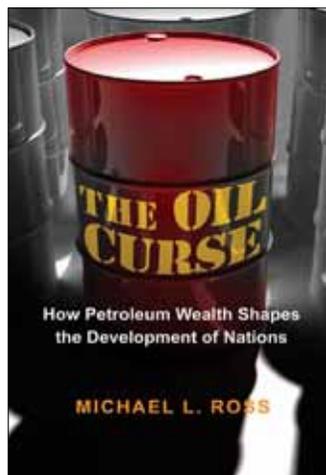


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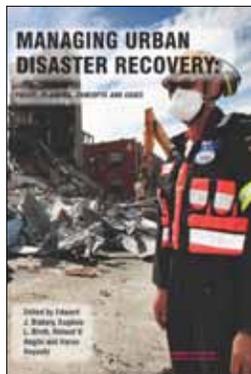


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### **Managing urban disaster recovery: policy, planning, concepts and cases.**

Blakely, Edward, et al, editors. Berkshire, UK: Crisis Response Publications, 2011.

This publication addresses several aspects of the disaster recovery process, including evacuation, communication, community, and infrastructure restoration.

**Understanding development.** Hopper, Paul. Cambridge: Polity, 2012.

An introduction to development, this text discusses facets of international development. Topics include aid, poverty, gender, trade, financing, participation, and security.

**What makes poor countries poor?: institutional determinants of development.** Trebilcock, Michael J. and Mariana Mota Prado. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, 2011.

This volume examines the role of institutions, particularly legal institutions, in development. Authors analyze how institutional reforms at the domestic level—in areas like rule of law and bureaucracy—contribute to development. At the international level, they discuss how trade, foreign direct investment, and foreign aid impact the growth of developing countries.

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## AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

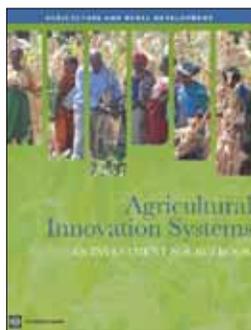


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**Agricultural innovation systems: an investment sourcebook.** Washington, DC: World Bank, 2012.

An e-book, this publication identifies the areas which contribute to innovation in the agriculture sector. It specifically addresses how to finance agricultural innovation. USAID

staff may download this book from the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

### **Seasonality, rural livelihoods and development.**

Devereux, Stephen, Rachel Sabates-Wheeler and Richard Longhurt, editors. New York: Earthscan, 2012.

This volume discusses how seasonal changes affect the livelihoods of people in rural areas. Exacerbated by climate change, the authors explain how seasonal occurrences like flood and drought influence food security, employment, and the spread of disease. Case studies from countries including Ethiopia, Malawi, Bangladesh, and Peru demonstrate the implications of seasonality on livelihoods.

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## DEMOCRACY, GOVERNANCE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

### **The Arab uprisings: what everyone needs**

**to know.** Gelvin, James L. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

In question and answer format, this book addresses multiple aspects of recent revolutions in Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen, Libya, Syria, and Algeria. Topics include political regimes, methods of protest, monarchies, and changes brought about by the uprisings.

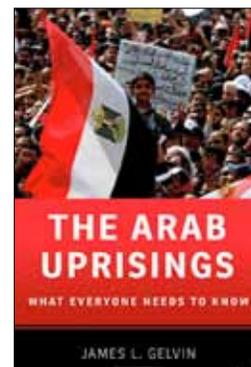


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### **Child exploitation and trafficking: examining the global challenges and U.S. responses.**

Kendall, Virginia and Markus Funk. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2012.

This book addresses the global problem of sexual exploitation of children, including sex trafficking. Authors discuss aspects of law enforcement and domestic and transnational laws that apply to investigation and prosecution. They also suggest how to go about combatting exploitation.

**Detecting corruption in developing countries: identifying causes/strategies for action.** Spector, Bertram. Sterling, VA: Kumarian Press, 2012.

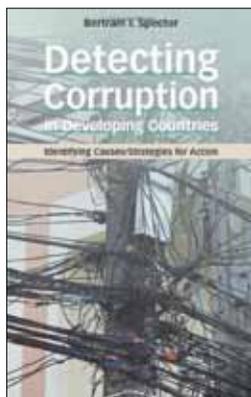


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Based partially on USAID's [Anticorruption Assessment Handbook](#), the framework presented in this book is meant to support practitioners in identifying, assessing, and confronting corruption in developing countries. Chapter 4 shows how self-assessment models were used in several USAID missions and US embassies to gather data

on corruption. Case studies from Ukraine, Senegal, Honduras, and Timor Leste demonstrate how methods of assessment and action have been used to combat corruption.

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## ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

**The coming prosperity: how entrepreneurs are transforming the global economy.** Auerswald, Philip. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

Auerswald says that the time is ripe for entrepreneurs to carry on the momentum of prosperity. Entrepreneurs, he says, are invaluable to economic growth since they provide new products, globalize, and innovate. He uses stories of entrepreneurs throughout history to demonstrate how small business owners contribute to economic growth.

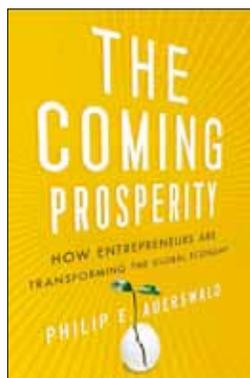


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**More and better jobs in South Asia.** Nayar, Reema, et al. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2011.

This e-book explores employment, the quality of job creation, and the future of the labor market in South Asia. Authors investigate what may be done to ensure that the next workforce generation will be ready to meet the needs of a growing region. USAID staff may download this title from the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

**New structural economics: a framework for rethinking development and policy.** Lin, Justin Yufi. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2012.

This e-book examines the role of structural changes in economic development, such as industrial upgrading and improvements in infrastructure. The author provides a neoclassical framework for identifying the facets of economic structure. USAID staff may download the book via the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

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## EDUCATION

**International perspectives on youth media: cultures of production and education.** FisherKeller, JoEllen, editor. New York: Peter Lang, 2011.

Essays in this volume examine media production and distribution programs for young adults. Case studies detail multiple purposes of media programs and how they may contribute to wellbeing and community involvement. Case studies—from countries including Brazil, Israel, South Africa, and the United States—analyze various types and components of youth media programs.

**Lessons in educational equality: successful approaches to intractable problems around the world.** Heymann, Jody and Adèle Cassola, editors. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

Essays in this volume discuss the provision of equitable education to all students, and how to overcome barriers like gender, disability, race, language, and socioeconomic status. The authors present cases of successful programs from around the globe, covering early childhood through tertiary education levels.

**New technology and education.** Edwards, Anthony. New York: Continuum, 2012.

Edwards discusses the role of technology—like devices, systems, and processes—in education. He examines the benefits and consequences of new technologies in the classroom, as well as the sociological, psychological, and philosophical implications of technology applications.

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## EVALUATION

**Program evaluation theory and practice: a comprehensive guide.** Mertens, Donna and Amy Wilson. New York: Guilford Press, 2012.

This text book begins by providing a historical and theoretical introduction to program evaluation. It goes on to cover evaluation planning, implementation, and reporting. Topics include data collection, analysis, working with stakeholders, and communicating findings.

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## GENDER EQUALITY & WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

**The unfinished revolution: voices from the global fight for women's rights.** Worden, Minky, editor. New York: Seven Stories Press, 2012.

This collection aims to bring attention to a variety of human rights violations against girls and women worldwide. Emphasis is placed on activists and movements to further gender equality. Topics include child marriage, female genital mutilation, maternal health, educational opportunities, and employment.



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## HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND POPULATION

**AIDS at 30: a history.** Harden, Victoria. Washington, DC: Potomac Books, 2012.



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*By Request* Harden provides a history of AIDS, emphasizing the medical community's response to the pandemic. She looks at scientific study of the disease and the role of medical discoveries in identifying and treating AIDS. The author also looks at social attitudes about AIDS and how they help or hinder prevention and care.

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## Health systems in low- and middle-income countries: an economic and policy perspective.

Smith, Richard D. and Kara Hanson, editors. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

This volume analyzes the economic and policy aspects of health systems in developing countries. Topics include financing, human resources, pharmaceuticals, international trade, and global health diplomacy.

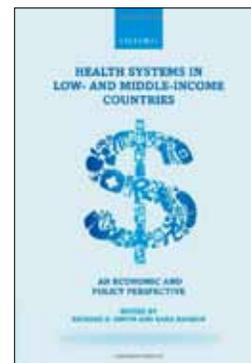


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**Protecting childhood in the AIDS pandemic: finding solutions that work.** Heymann, Jody, Lorraine Sherr and Rachel Kidman, editors. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

The essays in this volume present lessons learned from programs that improve wellbeing of children affected by AIDS. Authors discuss the impact of AIDS on child development and show how education, health, and psychosocial interventions can improve their lives.

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## INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

**Promoting IT-enabled services.** Treebhooahun, Nikhil, editor. London: Commonwealth Secretariat, 2011.

Information and communication technologies (ICTs) are said to enable services. This volume focuses on best practices in establishing and implementing an ICT framework and infrastructure. Experiences in Mauritius are discussed, in addition to case studies from India, Sri Lanka, Kenya, and South Asia.

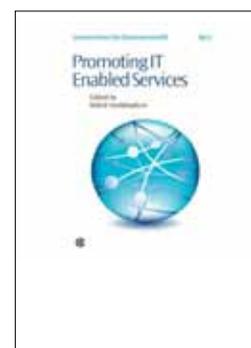


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## AFRICA

**Congo masquerade: the political culture of aid inefficiency and reform failure.** Trefon, Theodore. New York: Zed Books, 2011.

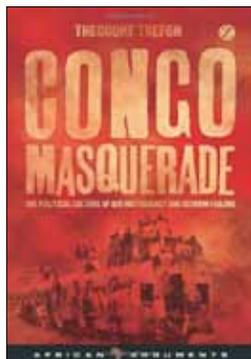


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Trefon criticizes Congolese authorities and international donors in their attempt to reconstruct the Democratic Republic of the Congo after conflict. He says that development aid has been ineffective in the DRC, and he provides a framework to explain why initiatives like statebuilding and political reform have failed.

**Running the rift: a novel.** Benaron, Naomi. Chapel Hill: Algonquin Books, 2012.

Jean Patrick, a Tutsi, hopes to win an Olympic track medal on behalf of Rwanda. He begins to see hatred between the Hutu and Tutsi tribes, and envisions that running may be a way to save himself and his people from cruelty. He must rely on his athletic abilities to save himself when violent conflict arises.

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## ASIA

**Cambodia's curse: the modern history of a troubled land.** Brinkley, Joel. New York: Public Affairs, 2011.

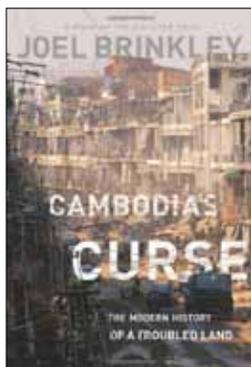


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Brinkley examines Cambodia's development since the fall of the Khmer Rouge regime in 1979. He looks at the impact of international aid on government and democracy, particularly comparing its progress to Vietnam's development since the 1970s. He ascertains that high levels of corruption, poverty, malnutrition, illiteracy, and

post-traumatic stress disorder still exist in the country—conditions he blames on corrupt government.

**The good Muslim: a novel.** Anam, Tahmima. New York: Harper, 2011.

This novel takes place in 1970s Bangladesh, during civil war and an upswing of Islamic radicalism. Sohail's life is changed when he stumbles across a young woman in an abandoned building. His sister returns to Bangladesh a decade later, stunned to find that Sohail has become a conservative religious leader. Their differing belief systems cause tension and eventually cause conflict between the siblings.

**In the sea there are crocodiles: a novel: based on the true story of Enaiatollah Akbari.** Geda, Fabio. New York: Doubleday, 2011.

This is a fictionalized account of Enaiatollah Akbari's five-year journey from Afghanistan to Italy. Escaping the Taliban regime when it takes over his village, he is helped by his mother into Pakistan. Alone from there, he endures dangerous conditions as he makes his way through Iran, Turkey, and Greece to find asylum in Italy.



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**Little princes: one man's promise to bring home the lost children of Nepal.** Grennan, Conor. New York: William Morrow, 2010.

Volunteering at the Little Princes Children Home in Nepal, Grennan is surprised to learn that some of the children at the home have been trafficked under the pretenses of getting to safety during civil war. He begins a quest to reunite the children with their parents, despite all odds.

**Myanmar: the state, community and the environment.** Skidmore, Monique and Trevor Wilson, editors. Canberra: ANU E Press, 2007.

The essays in this volume stem from a 2006 conference, the goal of which was to provide information on Burma/Myanmar's current state. Authors discuss the country's political, economic, social, and military situations at the time. Topics include foreign policy, the banking crisis of 2002-3, conflict, displacement, and industrial zones.

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## EUROPE AND EURASIA

**Belarus: the last European dictatorship.** Wilson, Andrew. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2011.

Wilson outlines the political and economic history of Belarus since its independence in 1991. He particularly focuses on Aliaksandr Lukashenka, who has been president since 1994, despite human rights abuses and supposedly rigged elections. The author also discusses the relationship between Belarus and Russia.

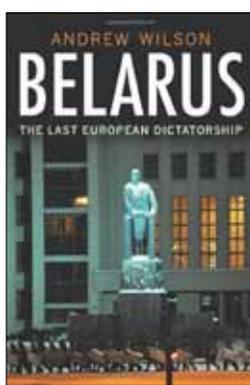


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**Far to go: a novel.** Pick, Alison. New York: Harper Perennial, 2010.

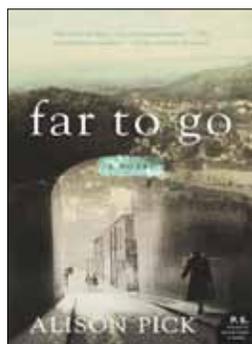


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An affluent Jewish family, the Bauers see their country and friends turn against them when Czechoslovakia falls under Nazi influence. Only their governess, Marta, continues her loyalty to the family. Marta does not know what to do when she finds out that a family friend plots to betray the family.

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## LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

**Fiesta of sunset: the Peace Corps, Guatemala and a search for truth.** Dibbert, Taylor. New York: iUniverse, 2010.

Dibbert chronicles his Peace Corps experiences while serving in a Guatemalan village. He experiences poverty, corruption, and crime in Guatemala but also learns a great deal about the world, the Peace Corps, and himself.

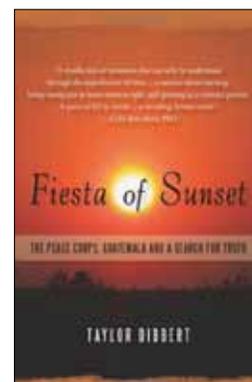


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**Haiti: the aftershocks of history.** Dubois, Laurent. New York: Metropolitan Books, 2012.

Dubois says that Haiti's culture, economics, and politics stem from its colonialist past. He provides a history of Haiti, beginning with the causes of the 1804 uprising that established the country's independence. He says that foreign interventions to date have only exacerbated problems of development in Haiti.

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## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

**Contractors in the government workplace: managing the blended workforce.** Voelz, Glenn. Lanham, MD: Government Institutes, 2010.

This handbook is meant for government employees who oversee service-based contractors. It covers topics such as types of contracts, the relationship between contractors and their direct-hire supervisors, and evaluation.

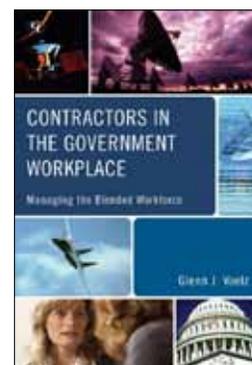


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## KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

### Twitter for good: change the world one tweet at a time.

Díaz-Ortiz, Claire. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2011.

A Twitter employee, Díaz-Ortiz outlines how to use Twitter as an information network. She uses examples from organizations like Target and the National Wildlife Federation to show how this new media can be harnessed for communication, organization, and social campaigns.

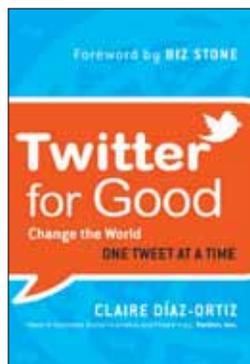


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## DEVELOPMENT ON FILM: NEW DVD TITLES

**The elephants' dream of peace.** Oley, PA: Bullfrog Films, 2011.

This short documentary depicts how sports have been used in Côte d'Ivoire to promote peace and bring the community together. It shows how the national soccer team (the Elephants) and striker Didier Drogba helped to stop the civil war in 2005.

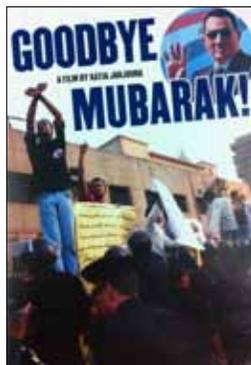


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**Goodbye Mubarak!** Brooklyn: Icarus Films, 2011.

Featuring activists, politicians, and Egyptian citizens, this film depicts the build-up to the Tahrir Square protests in 2011.

**Hassan and the graduates.** Oley, PA: Bullfrog Films, 2011.

This short documentary addresses how young graduates in Egypt are unable to find employment. It features Hassan, who takes part in a government program that provides him with land to farm.

### Neither Allah, nor master!

Brooklyn: Icarus Films, 2011.

The filmmaker of this documentary examines religion in the Muslim country of Tunisia. She especially focuses on how government under Ben Ali is or is not separated from religion and what citizens are doing to push for a secular state. Tunisia, she surmises, is becoming less tolerant of non-Islamic beliefs.

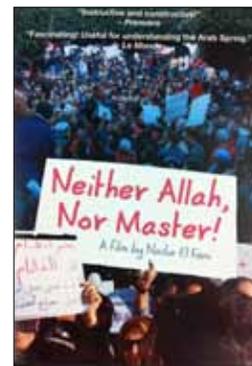


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### Syria: the Assads' twilight.

Brooklyn: Icarus Films, 2011.

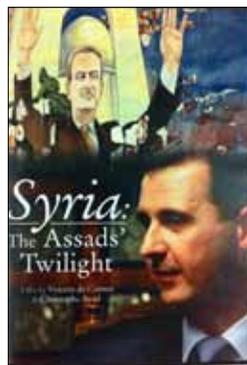


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This film documents the history of the Assad regime in Syria. It looks at the rule of Hafez al-Assad since the 1970s, and the takeover by Bashar al-Assad, who was at first expected to be a more modern leader. Filmmakers depict topics such as the brutality of the regime, the Muslim Brotherhood, and the Damascus Spring.



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## USAID BOOK CLUB MEETING

NOTE: New Date and Time



**Wednesday, May 2, 2012**

1–2pm, USAID Library, RRB mezzanine

### **Behind the Beautiful Forevers:** Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity *by Katherine Boo*

Pulitzer Prize-winner Katherine Boo tells the dramatic story of several residents of Mumbai's Annawadi slum. She portrays the hope of the residents, their vision for better lives, and how they fare during a time of terrorism, recession, and religious and caste tension.

#### **Discussant:**

Rachel Bahn, Economist,  
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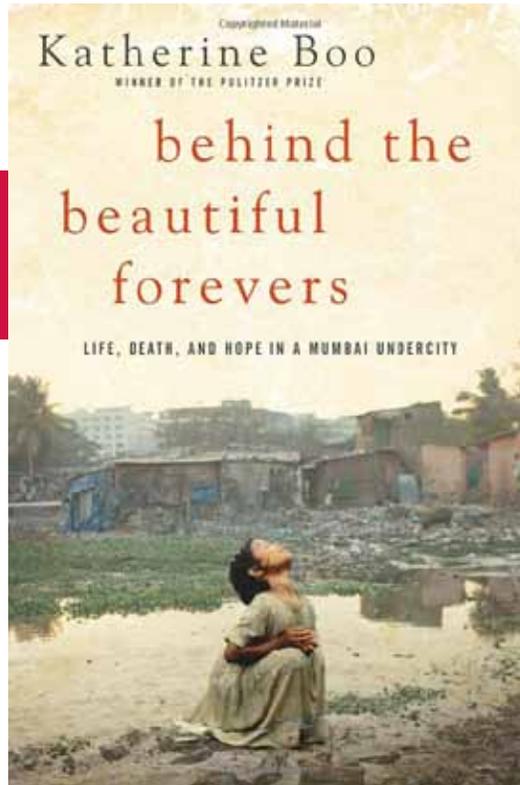


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