“The ravages of climate change come into sharp focus in this exhaustive report from the front lines … [A] grave and timely look at the future of feeding the planet.” —Kirkus Reviews

“Wise see[s] hope in the small-plot farmers of the world who are rising in protest. His report will interest readers concerned about human rights and the environment.” —Booklist

In Eating Tomorrow: Agribusiness, Family Farmers, and the Battle for the Future of Food (February 5, 2019) author Timothy A. Wise takes readers on a worldwide journey to understand the continued prevalence of hunger amid plenty. If the world now has record levels of grain production, why does it also have rising indices of hunger and malnutrition? Wise makes a convincing case that increasing the industrial production of agricultural commodities does almost nothing for the world’s hungry. Oddly enough, it can even make them hungrier. He argues that agribusiness and its well-heeled philanthropic promoters have hijacked food policies to feed corporate interests. Rather than helping the hungry eat today, they are undermining sustainable food production and destroying the natural resources—land, air, water, climate—we all will need to eat tomorrow.

As Wise shows, U.S. farmers don’t “feed the world.” Across the world people are mainly fed by hundreds of millions of small-scale farmers who grow 70% of developing countries’ food. And those needing to be fed? There are about one billion hungry people, nearly all in developing countries, and the majority of the hungry are some of those same small-scale farmers. Those farmers are key protagonists in Eating Tomorrow.

From remote villages in Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia, Mexico, and India, Wise, a senior researcher at the Small Planet Institute and director of its Land and Food Rights Program, reports that farmers are showing the way forward. They are utilizing farming practices that enrich the soil rather than deplete it to grow more and healthier food. Their practices reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build resilience to climate shocks, in contrast to industrial farming, which contributes nearly one-third of the world’s greenhouse gas emissions. Despite their successes, they are starved for support. Eating Tomorrow reveals how national leaders and international institutions consistently favor large-scale, high-input, industrial agriculture, overlooking the sustainable solutions that small-scale farmers offer them.

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In the tradition of Michael Pollan and Wenonah Hauter, Wise challenges the corporate control of our food and health. Wise’s revealing interviews with government officials and corporate leaders expose the harsh realities of land-grabbing, the corporate threats to supplant farmers’ native seeds with GMOs, the economic shock of NAFTA and free trade to rural communities, the meager hunger-reducing impacts of “green revolution” seeds and fertilizers, and the ravages of climate change on vulnerable family farmers. Drawing on his wide-ranging interviews with poor farmers, Wise offers policy solutions that can help hungry farmers eat today while giving them the natural and financial resources that could allow them—and all of us—to eat tomorrow.

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Praise for *Eating Tomorrow*

“*Eating Tomorrow* is a wake-up call about the future of food. Wise describes in detail how agribusiness has transformed agriculture into an extractive industry, destroying the land and farmers.”

—Vandana Shiva, author, *Who Really Feeds the World?* and *Soil Not Oil*

“Following the 2008 food crisis, many policy-makers responded to feared scarcity with more chemicals, heavier machinery, longer supply chains. Wise provides a powerful counter-narrative. There is a battle for the future of food, and *Eating Tomorrow* shifts the frontlines.”

—Olivier De Schutter, Co-Chair, International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems and former U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

“With his unique journalistic flair, Wise exposes our consuming obsession with corporate agriculture, which is now devouring the resources we all will need if we are to eat tomorrow.”

—Frances Moore Lappé, author of *Diet for a Small Planet*

“I recommend *Eating Tomorrow* to anyone who wants to understand how the industrial food system is destroying our health, biosphere, and food culture and how farmers can feed the world through agro-ecology.”

—Million Belay, Coordinator, African Food Sovereignty Alliance

“Wise's writing is riveting, melding the right mix of historical context, first-person accounts, interactions with key players, and original insight, all related in fast-moving, piquant prose. This is a concentrated dose of perceptive exposition that leaves a reader informed and energized.”

—Ricardo J. Salvador, Director and Senior Scientist, Food & Environment Program, Union of Concerned Scientists

“*Eating Tomorrow* is a tour de force on the global struggle for economic, social, and cultural rights, guided by a writer who takes us into corporate boardrooms and farmers’ fields to grasp the urgency of the battle for the future of food.”

—Salil Shetty, former Secretary General, Amnesty International and currently Senior Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy

“*Eating Tomorrow* reveals how agribusiness has hijacked development and food policies, resulting in a global food system focused on profits—not the health and wellbeing of farmers, the environment, or the people around the world most vulnerable in this time of worsening climate chaos.”

—Wenonah Hauter, author of *Foodopoly: The Battle Over the Future of Food and Farming* and executive director of Food & Water Watch

“Wise's book rebuts many of the false and exaggerated claims made by agribusiness lobbyists, demonstrating that family farmers can offer safe, healthy, sustainably produced food if they are freed from corporations’ growing stranglehold over food production, distribution, and consumption.”

—Jomo Kwame Sundaram, FAO Assistant Director General for Economic and Social Development, 2012-2016

“The right to food has become a rallying cry the world over, from India to Malawi, Mexico to Iowa. In *Eating Tomorrow*, Wise takes the reader on a global journey to understand how farmers and poor people are struggling to that right.”

—Biraj Patnaik, South Asia Director, Amnesty International, and former Principal Adviser to the Commissioners of the Supreme Court of India in the landmark right to food case