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Battle for the World Food System (2007), suggests steps to regain control of the global food economy, stop the exploitation of farmers and consumers, and rebalance global sustenance. His latest, *The Value of Nothing* (2010), explores the corporate capture of government and our current financial crisis and argues that the larger failure beneath the food, climate and economic crises is a political one. He is currently working on a documentary about the global food system with award-winning director Steve James.

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