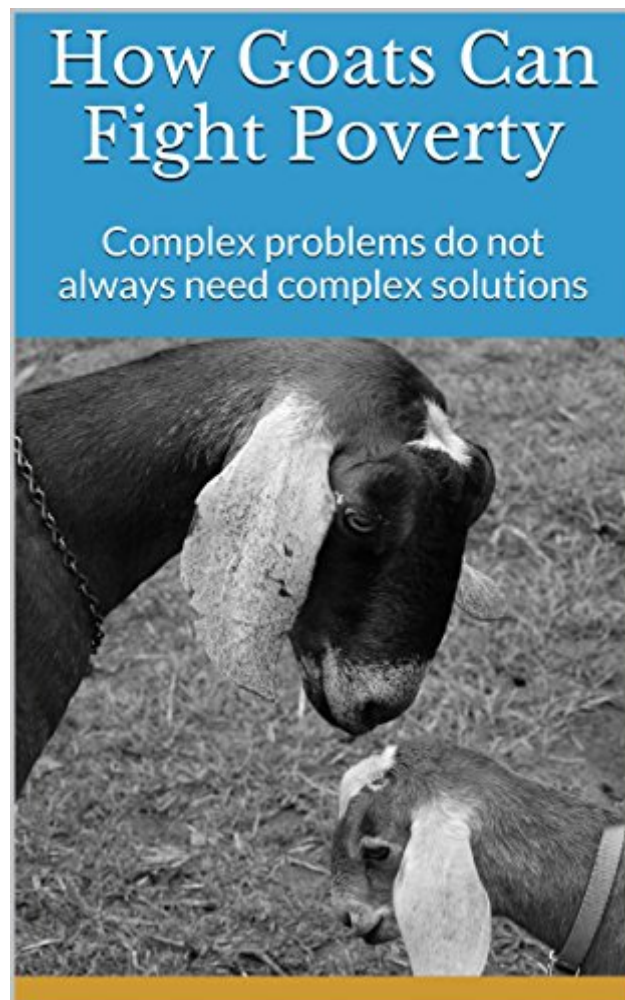




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How Goats Can Fight Poverty: Complex Problems Do Not Always Need Complex Solutions



Synopsis

TIME magazine has noted that my hometown, the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, Texas metropolitan area, has the highest rate of people living below the poverty line in the country. However, the scourge of poverty only escalates when you move just outside of the metropolitan area into places called colonias. The colonias have been around for so long, that people just accept them as a part of the Rio Grande Valley that will never change. People often have the idea in their head that a complex problem like poverty warrants an equally complex solution. My book *How Goats Can Fight Poverty* challenges this notion by detailing a plan I came up with to fight poverty in rural areas like the colonias with nothing more than some goats, some plants, and some cooperation. This plan, often referred to as my "goat idea", has won me the Pal Make-A-Difference Award and has even been the subject of a house resolution passed in the Texas House. Despite these recognitions, I understand that my small operation does not have the capacity to change many lives outside of the Rio Grande Valley which is why I decided to write *How Goats Can Fight Poverty*. I want to give my idea to anyone who wants to make it his or her own. To substantiate my idea I have provided real world examples, interesting stories, and original interviews from companies like Shiner Bock and Goatboy Soap. After reading this, I hope my readers realize that a complex problem like poverty does not always warrant an equally complex solution. Sometimes the solution to a problem like poverty can be as simple as a few goats, some cactus, and a little cooperation. As a final note I would like to add that a quarter of the proceeds from the sale of my book will go to the Knapp Community Care Foundation and another quarter will go to LUPE (an outreach program in the Rio Grande Valley) in order to support the incredible work that they are doing to better our community.

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Fascinating book concisely explaining an incredible idea that really illuminates the innovative spirit growing out of South Texas. The book gives a close look into the author's innovative mind that at points makes the reader feel as if they are peering into the mind of one of the next great social innovators of the Millennial generation. A short and concise read that optimistically shows the future is as bright as we choose to make it, and will leave you with a smile on your face.

I did not know goats were so versatile! This easy-to-read novella is more jam-packed with worthwhile and enlightening information than a King-Sized Baby Ruth candy bar is with protein. From the city dwellers of Dallas to the humble farmers in Athens, TX---this book does a tremendous job in bolstering excitement for the use of goats for people from all walks of life. The idea of using a domestic goat as a solution to raise people out of poverty is smart, practical, original, and so inspiring that it might just turn you into a shepard yourself...I 'KID' you not. Mr. Garcia's decades of experience shine in his authorial debut. If a more genuine expert on goats is out there, I have not found them yet. His ideas have, can, and will continue to WORK for the betterment of society. If you don't believe me, buy the book for yourself and see what all the hype is about.5/5 STARS--Would Read Again

A succinct, optimistic glimpse into how a simple idea can be the most effective. Garcia comfortably mixes anecdotal and evidence based practices to show the application of his ideas can truly be successful, no matter how small or large the scale. Philanthropic and humanistic at heart, this is a quick read I highly recommend.

I read this book on a recent flight and was amazed. This book provides a simple resolution to a problem that has plagued the world for years. I recommend this book to anyone wanting to discover

how a four legged animal can provide an answer to one of societies biggest problems, poverty.

Honestly one of the most inspiring books that I have ever read. It isn't too hard to go out and find a great idea, but finding a great idea and actually having the resolve to follow through on that idea is rare. Garcia has gone above and beyond just "following through" as he clearly lays out in this book how raising goats can create a sustainable income for impoverished families, an idea that is simple, yet brilliant. If you're looking for a book that will give you hope for the future and a desire to change the world for the better, then this is the book for you.

This book is great. I have no use for knowledge on goats-gone-charity, however the perspective that Garcia brings can help absolutely ANYONE who is actively involved in philanthropy or simply wants a fresh perspective on problem solution. I am working with an organization to improve pedestrian safety in urban areas, and the thought process Garcia shares from his grass roots endeavors I have found invaluable. The read is quick, enjoyable, yet surprisingly thorough. I highly recommend picking this book up. Seriously... buy it.

An inspiring book written by an inspiring person. Garcia truly transports the reader into the Rio Grande Valley in this book, allowing them to understand the struggles the citizens of the area face every day. He masterfully delivers a simple answer to an area's central, complex issue in a contemporary fashion. A must read for any Texan, or anyone who is looking for an author who is trying to make a difference in the world. 5 stars

I really enjoyed this book. I have always wondered how families could combat poverty in an inexpensive manner. I learned so much about how goats and frankly other farm can make a profound impact on a family and provide a low cost- steady income when they are already struggling to put food on the table. This book has motivated me to try to find ways I can help poor families by not just giving them money, but instead following the "teaching the man to fish" concept.

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