The great climate robbery

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“It’s about time that the role agriculture plays in the climate crisis – and the role it could play in the solution – got a concentrated dose of attention. This is fine work that will provoke much new activism!”

Bill McKibben 
author Deep Economy
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In 2012, GRAIN published The great food robbery. We thought it was high time to do a sequel.

Over 25 years, GRAIN has worked with social movements and organisations around the world to defend local food systems and cultures from the advance of industrial agriculture. Our work has also involved connecting this analysis to larger issues affecting the planet, linking peoples’ struggles situated within the food system to those happening in other areas. Climate change is one important example of this. The great climate robbery explains how the industrial food system is a major driver of climate change and how food sovereignty is critical to any lasting and just solution. With governments, particularly those from the main polluting countries, abdicating their responsibility to deal with the problem, it has become critical for people to take action into their own hands. Changing the food system is perhaps the most important and effective place to start. This book shows you how.

We hope this book will help readers to understand better the ways in which corporations seek to increase their control over the food system so that this control can be more effectively challenged. We hope it will inspire people to take action and we hope that it will provide readers with information and analysis that they can use directly in their own work.

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