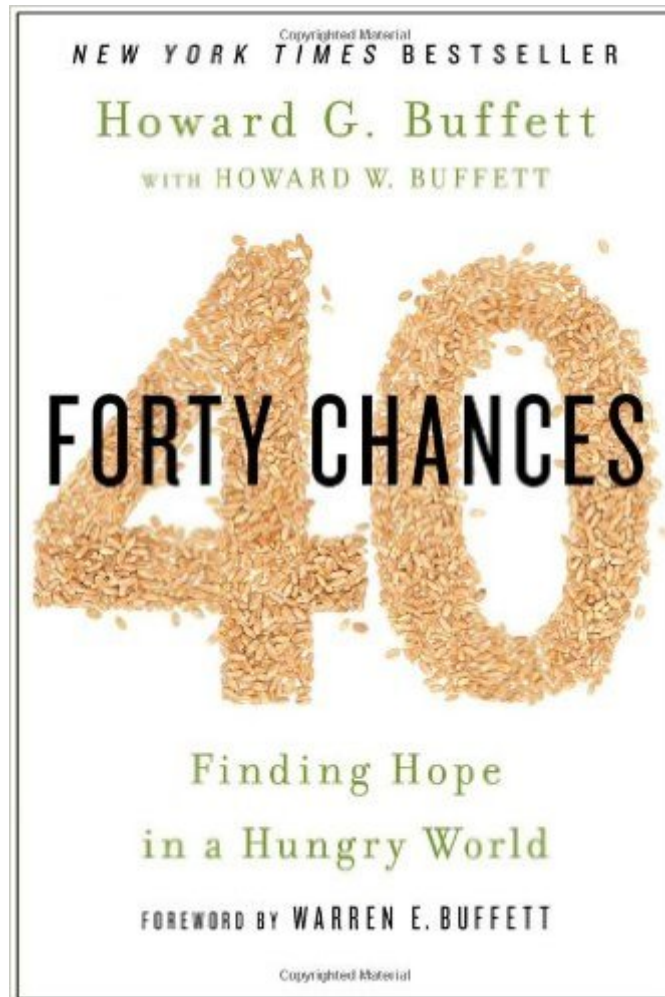


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# 40 Chances: Finding Hope In A Hungry World



## Synopsis

With a foreword by Warren Buffett, *40 Chances* is an inspiring manifesto both an informative guidebook and a catalyst for igniting real changes in the struggle against world hunger. If someone granted you \$3 billion to accomplish something great in the world, what would you do? In 2006, legendary investor Warren Buffett posed this challenge to his son Howard G. Buffett. Howard set out to help the most vulnerable people on earth—nearly a billion individuals who lack basic food security. And Howard gave himself a deadline: forty years to put the resources to work on this challenge. *40 Chances: Finding Hope in a Hungry World* captures Howard's journey. Beginning with his love for farming, we join him around the world as he seeks out new approaches to ease the suffering of so many. Each of the forty stories here provides a compelling look at the lessons Howard learned, ranging from his own backyard to some of the most difficult and dangerous places on Earth. But this message goes beyond the pages of this book, it's also a mindset: a way of thinking that speaks to every person wanting to make a difference. It's about reasons to hope and actions we can take. *40 Chances* recounts Howard's personal and professional experiences in surprisingly candid and colorful fashion—successfully blending personal stories with a tough look at the struggle to fight domestic food scarcity and world hunger. A satisfying read (Publishers Weekly) that provides inspiration to transform each of our limited chances into opportunities to change the world.

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Chances: Finding Hope in a Hungry World' The main argument: In the developed world, the vast majority of us enjoy a standard of living unmatched in the history of humankind--and going hungry is the last thing on our minds. Nevertheless, it cannot be said that poverty and hunger have been eradicated in the developed world entirely (in the United States, for example, 1 in 6 are considered food insecure--including 16 million children). Still, the greatest problems with poverty and hunger continue to exist in the developing world. Indeed, despite substantial improvements over the past 30 years, poverty remains a significant issue, and nearly a billion of the world's 7 billion people still face chronic hunger (while about twice that number are malnourished in some way)--and millions starve to death every year. It is not that many well intentioned people and organizations have not spent a great deal of time and money trying to solve the world's poverty and hunger issues. Indeed, over the past half century the amount of resources that have been poured into these problems is staggering. So, just why do the problems of poverty and hunger stubbornly persist? Well, at least part of it has to do with the fact that there are several significant obstacles standing in the way--everything from armed conflict, to corrupt governments, to particular cultural practices etc. The humanitarian Howard G. Buffet has been involved in fighting poverty and hunger for upwards of 30 years, and knows these obstacles all too well.

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