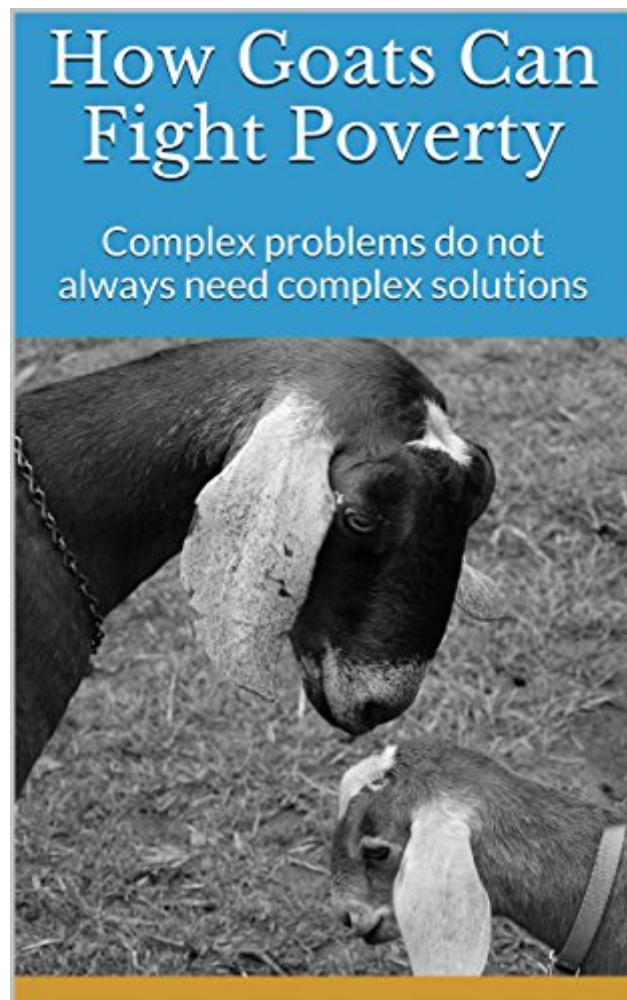




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How Goats Can Fight Poverty: Complex Problems Do Not Always Need Complex Solutions



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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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

Good book

I thought this was a great book about a simple idea to help fight the poverty close to where Sam was raised. People live in poverty and do not realize that just a few resources that some might already have on hand, like goats, could make all the difference.

It shows how thinking out of the box and how our culture to help others in our present day paradigm. This can be utilized in solving other mundane predicaments of our society, https://images-na.ssl-images-.com/images/I/51LjZ1RZ2%2BL._SS300_.jpg

This book tackles a difficult problem using a little creativity, business knowledge, and a lot of heart. It's a quick read that I think everyone can learn something from - I know I did.

Blown away by the work of Samuel Garcia in this timeless piece of work that has so many life lessons and excellent solutions to poverty.

Short, but powerful. Worth the time and consideration.

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