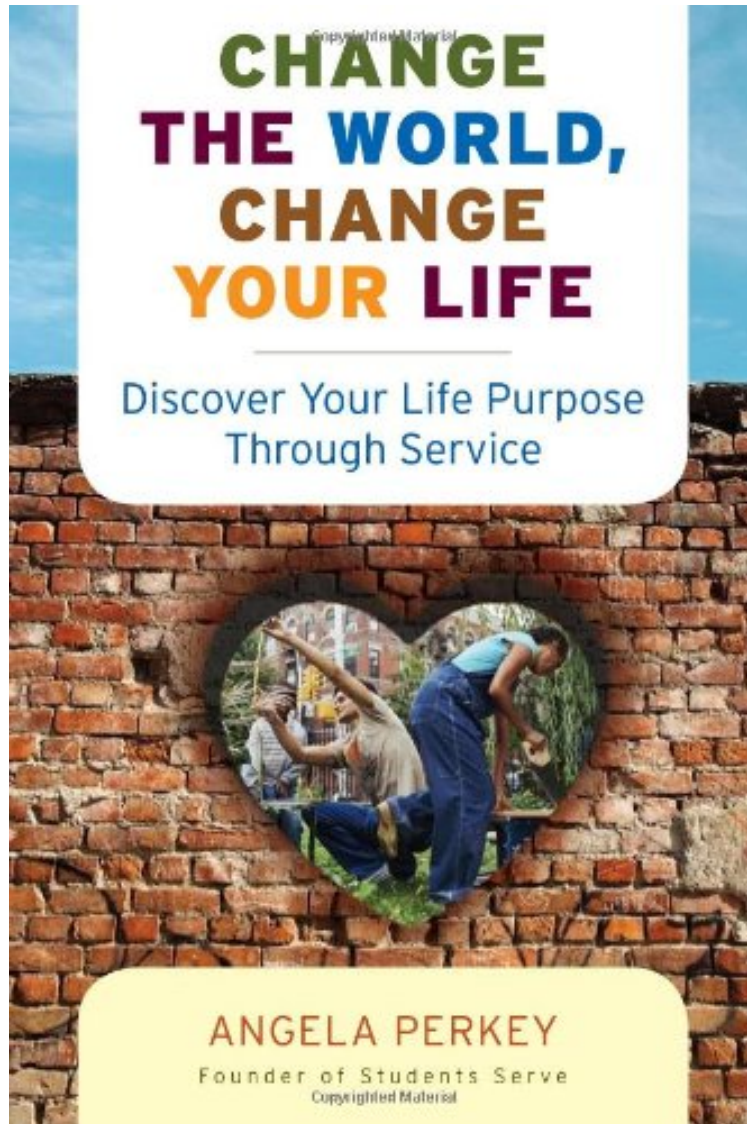


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By ZutronI was looking forward to this book and am disappointed that it is not a list of opportunities to explore. Chances are, if you're picking up this book you're already sold on the concept. Much of the book is devoted to selling you on the concept and to creating opportunities for yourself, doing your own fundraising, creating your own website for support, etc.. It just seems like a very difficult approach when there are already lots of service programs that one could tap into. I just wish I'd had a clearer idea of what the book was. It is definitely aimed at someone who is considering putting their life into service in a big way and wants a book to help them think about it. Not big on practicalities for everyone else.

18,000 children die of hunger every day. By 2030, there will be no glaciers in Glacier National Park. 47 million Americans do not have health insurance. The economy's in turmoil. Job loss. Foreclosures. Illiteracy. It's easy to feel powerless in the face of such depressing news. And yet many people in today's generations are more eager than ever to get involved, to do something, anything, to improve the world. They crave meaningful lives that are worth remembering. *Change the World, Change Your Life* shows you how to get involved and effectively address the problems you care about most, from your own backyard to the world stage. It provides a blueprint for being of service and includes practical resources for making a difference in a way that will also change your life. Interlaced with stories of individuals who have found ways to give, large and small, it is exactly the right book for these times.

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Debunking the belief that one has to be wealthy or influential to help others or start an organization, this enlightening guidebook from activist Perkey, who started a national student service organization from her dorm room, outlines a strategy, mindset, and step-by-step plan for using personal goals, skills and strengths to tackle a specific social problem. Perkey's encouraging, empathetic book is packed with helpful nuts-and-bolts information (from choosing a cause to finding funding) as well as the kind of infectious enthusiasm that makes taking action, breaking down apathy, and overcoming obstacles a rousing prospect. Using her own story alongside case studies of others-like Congressman Tom Perriello, who first served his community as a Boy Scout, or Lisa Spodak, who raised \$110,000 for breast cancer research-Perkey showcases the power of one passionate individual armed with determination, a plan and a calling. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "Angela Perkey has taken the concept of 'change the world' to a whole new level. With fresh and passionate language, she has confronted the perennial dilemma of the gap between knowledge and action. Illuminating why it is not enough to just know about the dire problems the world faces, she shows us how to solve those problems through more effective ways to contribute financially, more skillful ways to serve, and more enlightened ways to sustain inspiration and compassion. *Change the World, Change Your Life* is an eloquent treatise of new paradigm millennial service balancing virtual with hands-on skills, personal growth with worldly contribution, and pragmatism with passion. This inspiring young leader's rallying cry could not be more apropos for our urgent times, "Now it's your turn!" -Gail Straub, Co-Founder, The Empowerment Institute, author of *The Rhythm of Compassion and Returning to My Mother's House*"*Change the World, Change Your Life* captures the spirit of service and leadership in the life of the everyday person. One voice can change the world, and this book shows you how." -Senator Bill Frist, M.D., Former U.S. Senate Majority Leader"For a generation committed to public service, Angela Perkey has provided the role models and their road maps--and we are all left more hopeful about their future, and ours." -Bill Purcell, Director, Harvard Institute of Politics at the John F. Kennedy School of Government and former Mayor of Nashville"Angela Perkey is wise beyond her twenty something years! From her own personal experience in starting up a nonprofit, she has developed great insights that she shares with you in this book. Her helpful advice can empower you to be better able to focus your time and treasure to change the world for the better." -Ken Berger, President, *Charity Navigator*"Inspiring, practical, motivating, *Change the World, Change Your Life* is a carefully researched easy read that packs a punch." -Ingrid Newkirk, President, PETA" Serving others is essential to a happy and meaningful life. This book shows you how to do it." -James E. Ukrop, Chairman, First Market Bank" We can all make a difference for the better in countless ways, large and small. As we help others, we will find greater meaning for our own lives. Angela Perkey describes these realities in compelling fashion. Her book is a clarion call for all of us to bestir ourselves for the larger good." -W. Taylor Reveley III, President of the College of William and Mary"Community service is mostly understood as helping others. That is, of course, important. But Angela Perkey compellingly shows us that community service is also about helping ourselves. Making the world a better place makes us better people-happier and more fulfilled. That is a lesson from which we all can benefit." -Michael K. Powell, former Chair, Federal Communications Commission  
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