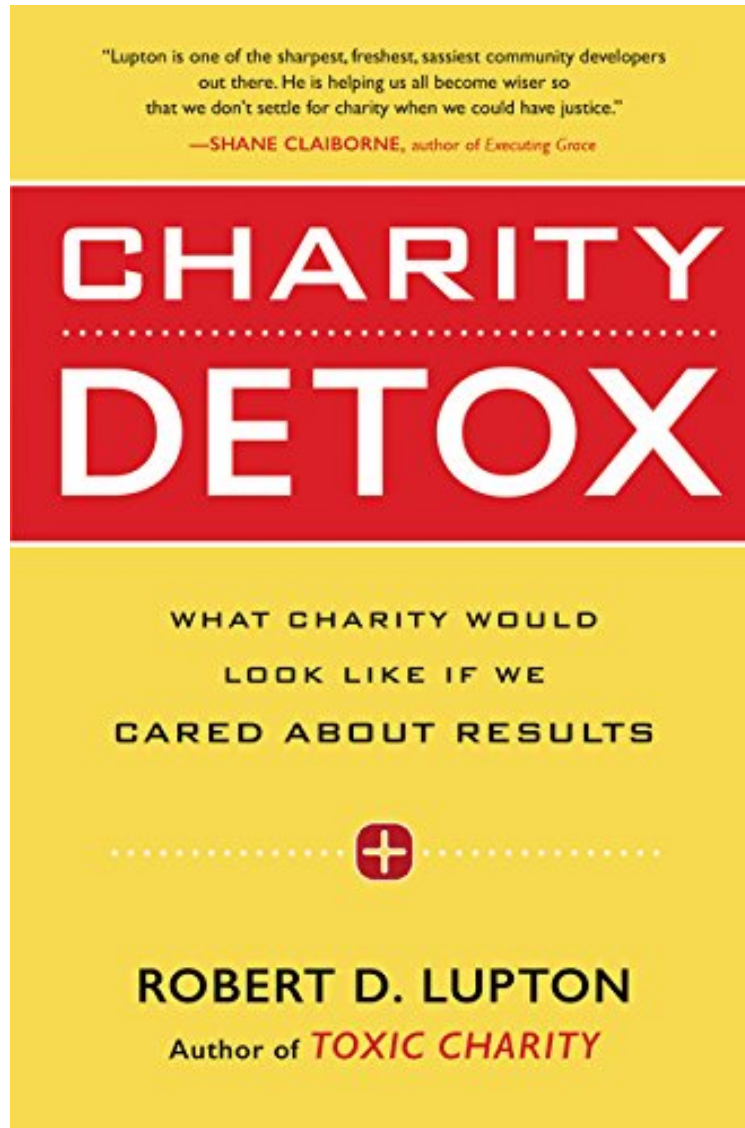


Charity Detox: What Charity Would Look Like If We Cared About Results

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By Jeannie L. Stuckey This is a book our Book Club read after previously reading Toxic Charity, by the same author. It made us think more clearly about what we are doing with our neighborhood at church, and about social programs that purport to help the poor, but only in the end, create dependency and lower self-esteem on the part of the helped. A tough book, over all, because it tells how hard it really is to change social policy, and what concerted effort it takes to change a neighborhood. Just the right circumstances have to be in place, and the right intent on the part of the helpers. Puts in a plug for the essential assistance of business and the hard-headed, cold look at results, with the end goal to make a profit while making a difference, for only in that way will a program sustain itself. Recommended for all do-gooders.
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By Customer On the money.... I have worked for inter-city Christian non-profits and the biggest frustration is how government benefits tie our hands when it comes to helping people escape poverty. All the services provided in the city by well-meaning Christians have little long-lasting results, they rarely move beyond maintenance. Also, Lupton's naming of poverty of things beyond financial...spot on.
6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. A big thought provoker.
By Thomas M. Magee This is a real thought provoker. I think there is something in this book for everyone, right or left, conservative or liberal. This book is really a part two of the author's other book "Toxic Charity". This book picks up where that left off. That book documents where charities may not be the fix but the cause of poverty. Now the author answers what to do next. He calls for an little introduction of capitalism to fix the problem. He lays out an argument in why and how that should be accomplished. That for sure alone would cause intense discussions by many. Then he dives even deeper. He reinvents the principle of example. People need to move back into the war zone which as become the inner city of so many of our cities. This power of getting involved in those communities first by living there then getting involved would change things. I personally am not so sure about that but it is an interesting thought. The book has a lot of fascinating ideas. The author does lay it out in easy to understand terms. The book is very simple to go through. However there is a lack of empirical research to illustrate and prove his points.

The veteran urban activist and author of the revolutionary Toxic Charity returns with a headline-making book that offers proven, results-oriented ideas for transforming our system of giving.
In Toxic Charity, Robert D. Lupton revealed the truth about modern charity programs meant to help the poor and disenfranchised. While charity makes donors feel better, he argued, it often hurts those it seeks to help. At the forefront of this burgeoning yet ineffective compassion industry are American churches, which spend billions on dependency-producing programs, including food pantries. But what would charity look like if we, instead, measured it by its ability to alleviate poverty and needs? That is the question at the heart of Charity Detox. Drawing on his many decades of experience, Lupton outlines how to structure programs that actually improve the quality of life of the poor and disenfranchised. He introduces many strategies that are revolutionizing what we do with our charity dollars, and offers numerous examples of organizations that have successfully adopted these groundbreaking new models. Only by redirecting our strategies and becoming committed to results, he argues, can charity enterprises truly become as transformative as our ideals.

Lupton is one of the sharpest, freshest, sassiest community developers out there. He is helping us all become wiser so that we don't settle for charity when we could have justice. (Shane Claiborne, author of Irresistible Revolution) When Bob Lupton speaks of the inner city, the rest of us ought to sit up and take notice... [His work is] deeply disturbing in the best sense of the word. (Philip Yancey, author of What Good Is God?) Throughout reading Charity Detox the lyrics How can it be wrong when it feels so right? were buzzing in my head. That is the tension Lupton describes so deftly with practical illustrations of how we can change the dependency creating relationships formed by well-intentioned servers. (Fred Smith, The Gathering) His enthusiasm for this method is evident throughout the text and brings hope to readers that if more organizations adopted these practices, there really could be a better future ahead for all of us, not just the poor. (Kirkus s) In Toxic Charity, Bob identified a weakness with charity as a tool for poverty reduction. In Charity Detox, Bob addresses the more complicated question of what might work better. Bob reaches the conclusion that wealth creation must replace wealth redistribution if poverty reduction is the goal. (John Coors, Former CEO of CoorsTek) [Charity] efforts, while necessary in a crisis, do little to improve people's socioeconomic status. Lupton uses this well-worn critique of churches' charitable activities as a springboard for positive action all readers will find in this book a useful way to reexamine outreach programs. (James Wetherbee, Wingate Univ. Libs., NC) Lupton uses [his] critique of churches' charitable activities as a springboard for positive action the author advocates that churches need to be more involved in communities by living and investing in them all readers will find in this book a useful way to reexamine outreach programs. (Library Journal) Lupton continues his mission to transform the way charities operate. Most efforts to help relieve poverty are ineffective, he says... The road to charity hell has been paved with good intentions, but Lupton provides an inspiring roadmap for an alternate route. (Spirituality and Health magazine) Lupton weighs the future of effective efforts to reduce poverty . . . confronting popular practices and assumptions. . . Inspiring. (U.S. Catholic) Lupton offers a roadmap for turning short-lived good intentions into lasting transformation [and shares] his vision for a new way of doing missions. (Christianity Today) From the Back Cover Charity Has Failed.

Lets Reinvent It. About the Author ROBERT D. LUPTON is founder and president of FCS (Focused Community Strategies) Urban Ministries and author of Toxic Charity; Theirs Is the Kingdom; Return Flight; Renewing the City; Compassion, Justice, and the Christian Life; and the widely circulated Urban Perspectives newsletter. He has a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Georgia. To learn more, visit www.fcsministries.org.