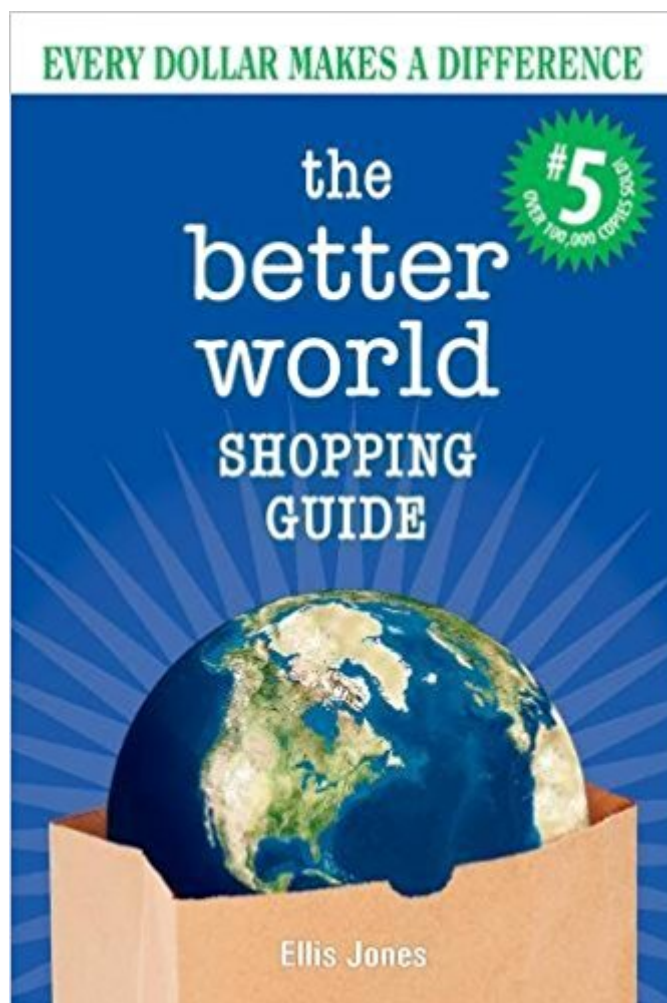


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# The Better World Shopping Guide #5: Every Dollar Makes A Difference



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The information in this little book has changed the way I shop. I am able to make smarter, more informed choices about which companies deserve my support and which companies don't. I was amazed and horrified at the "grades" some of my most frequently supported companies got and why. Now that I know, I am making a change. It makes me feel as though I am making a difference and that I do have a voice through each and every dollar I spend. This would be a great gift for anyone who spends money and cares about our world.

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I absolutely love this! Small enough to fit in my purse, yet very thorough. The book is divided into categories and then the brands are listed alphabetically so if you are shopping you can whip it out and find what you're looking for quickly and easily. The only thing I wish it had was the criteria they use for their ratings, or what exactly the bad companies are doing that gets them a low grade. But half the point of this book is that it is small and easy to use quickly, so guess they probably just couldn't fit all that info in there. All in all, it's great though - I wish everyone had a copy, and actually cared to use it!!

This book is extremely practical. While I have done plenty of research in several categories for ethical purchasing such as coffee and chocolate, there is no way I would ever have the time or energy to research every company out there. I appreciate how this book takes human and environmental factors into account when grading companies. This book saves me hours of research time and allows me to choose the most ethical company while I am in the store. We vote for business practices with our dollars. Thanks to this book, I am now an educated voter.

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