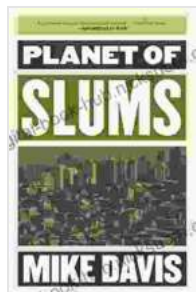


# The Planet of Slums: Mike Davis's Investigation into Urban Poverty



## Planet of Slums by Mike Davis

★★★★☆ 4.3 out of 5

Language : English

File size : 894 KB

Text-to-Speech : Enabled

Screen Reader : Supported

Enhanced typesetting : Enabled

Word Wise : Enabled

Print length : 240 pages



Mike Davis's book 'Planet of Slums' is a comprehensive investigation into the causes and consequences of urban poverty in the developing world. It argues that slums are not a temporary phenomenon, but a permanent feature of the global landscape. The book provides a detailed analysis of the slum phenomenon and offers some innovative solutions to this pressing issue.

## The Causes of Slums

Davis argues that slums are the product of a global political economy that favors the wealthy and powerful over the poor and marginalized. He identifies a number of factors that contribute to the growth of slums, including:

- **The lack of affordable housing:** The cost of housing in many cities has risen beyond the reach of the poor, who are forced to live in

informal settlements.

- **The displacement of people from rural areas:** Economic and environmental factors are driving people from rural areas to cities, where they often end up living in slums.
- **The lack of decent jobs:** Many slum dwellers are employed in the informal economy, where they work for low wages and have little job security.
- **The lack of access to basic services:** Slum dwellers often lack access to clean water, sanitation, and healthcare.

## **The Consequences of Slums**

Slums have a devastating impact on the lives of their residents. They are breeding grounds for disease and crime, and they contribute to social inequality and environmental degradation. Davis argues that slums are a threat to human security and that they must be addressed as a global priority.

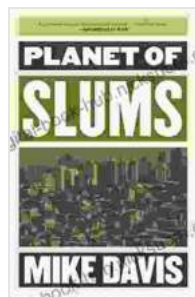
## **Solutions to the Problem of Slums**

Davis offers a number of innovative solutions to the problem of slums. He argues that we need to:

1. **Invest in affordable housing:** Governments need to invest in the construction of affordable housing for the poor.
2. **Promote decent work opportunities:** Governments need to create decent work opportunities for the poor so that they can earn a living wage.

3. **Provide access to basic services:** Governments need to provide slum dwellers with access to clean water, sanitation, and healthcare.
4. **Protect the rights of slum dwellers:** Governments need to protect the rights of slum dwellers and ensure that they are not evicted from their homes.
5. **Address the underlying causes of slums:** We need to address the underlying causes of slums, such as poverty, inequality, and environmental degradation.

Mike Davis's book 'Planet of Slums' is a powerful indictment of the global political economy that produces and perpetuates poverty. The book provides a comprehensive analysis of the slum phenomenon and offers some innovative solutions to this pressing issue. It is a must-read for anyone who is concerned about the future of our planet.



### **Planet of Slums** by Mike Davis

★★★★☆ 4.3 out of 5

Language : English

File size : 894 KB

Text-to-Speech : Enabled

Screen Reader : Supported

Enhanced typesetting : Enabled

Word Wise : Enabled

Print length : 240 pages





## **Tough Cookies Don't Crumble: The Unbreakable Spirit of Those Who Overcome Adversity**

Life is full of challenges. We all face them, in one form or another. But for some people, the challenges are so great that they seem insurmountable. They may come in...



## **The California-Born Diners, Burger Joints, and Fast Food Restaurants That Changed the World**

California is known for many things, but its fast food scene is one of its most iconic. From In-N-Out to McDonald's, some of the most well-known fast food...