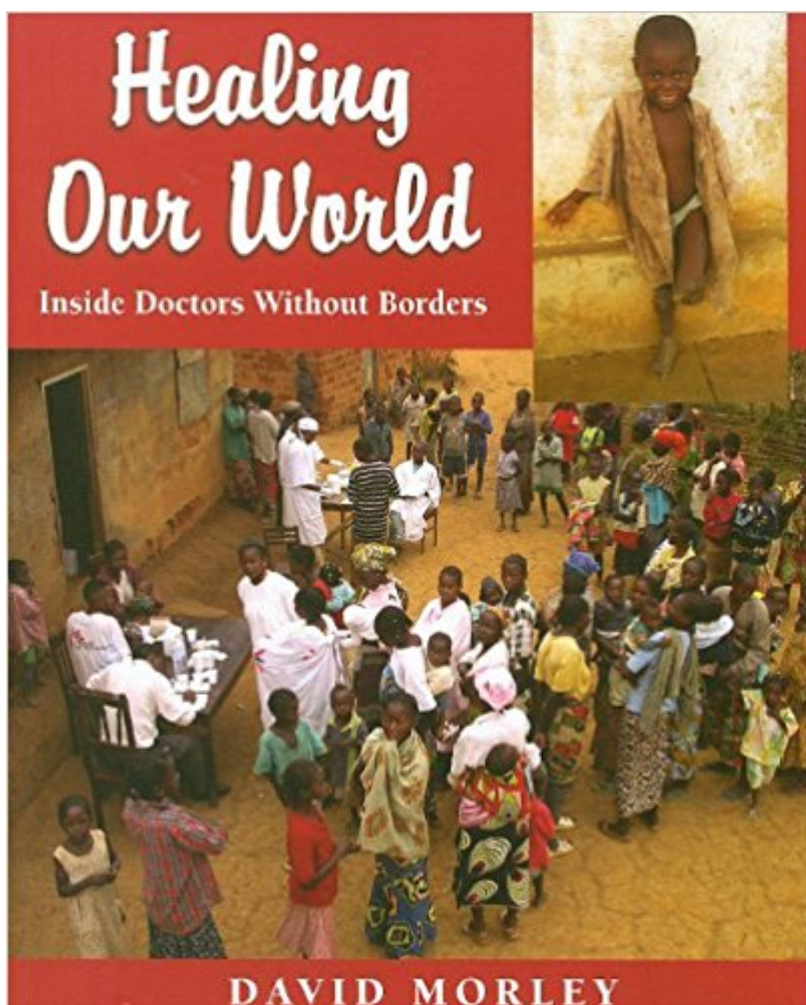


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When children are caught in civil wars, when earthquakes destroy homes and villages, when AIDS and other diseases shatter families and communities - the volunteers of Doctors Without Borders are there. Their mission is simple - to bring life-saving care to the world's neediest people and to speak out when the rights of the people in their care are abused or violated. Médecins Sans Frontières, known in English as Doctors Without Borders and by its volunteers as MSF, is the world's largest independent medical humanitarian relief organization. Every year, more than 3,000 MSF volunteers and 12,000 local men and women bring medical aid to people in more than 70 countries. In *Healing Our World*, David Morley presents his own story and the stories of other MSFers who have volunteered in some of the most dangerous and forgotten corners of the world - the Congo, El Salvador, Chechnya, Bangladesh, Mozambique, Afghanistan, southern Africa. These are stories about healing and helping people, about making the world a better place - stories filled with sorrow and hope, anger and idealism, determination and passion. *Healing Our World* includes information about MSF's history, how it selects its volunteers and decides where to send them. Includes photographs from the field.

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Morley is a former executive director of the Canadian section of Doctors Without Borders, a humanitarian organization known throughout most of world as Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF). With clarity and passion, he introduces the organization's history, charter, and current efforts to provide health care where it is needed most. The balanced survey, illustrated with grainy black-and-white photos, presents alarming statistics (one billion people live without clean drinking water; two million young people between the ages of 15 and 24 are infected with HIV) while guiding readers away from paralyzing despair: "It is easy to feel hopeless when images of human tragedy fill the TV screen. . . . When you look closer, the picture changes. You see people caring for each other . . . and helping, not just destroying." Profiles of MSF volunteers and excerpts from Morley's own field journals round out this intimate, concise, well-written overview that may appeal to adults considering volunteer stints as well as young people thinking about future possibilities. Gillian Engberg Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

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