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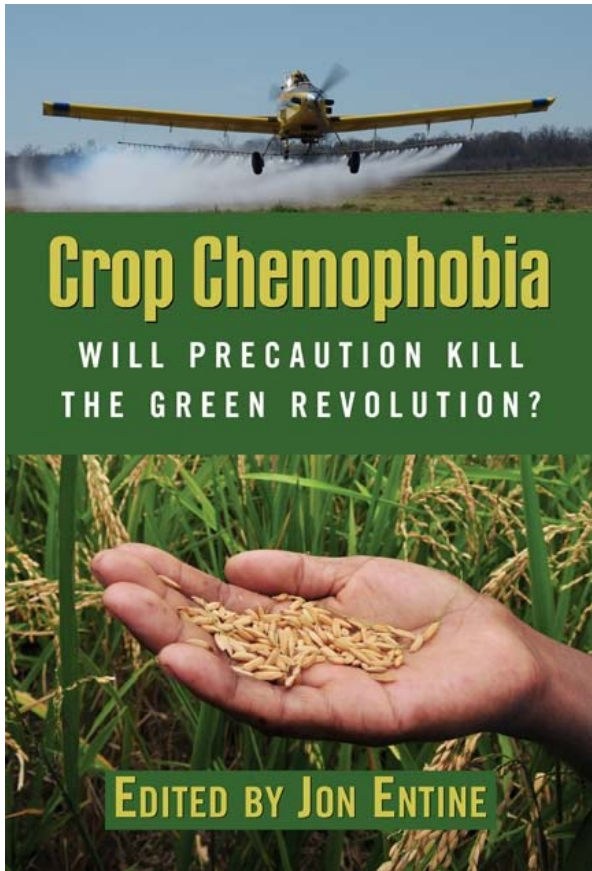
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The Green Revolution of 1960s introduced herbicides, pesticides, and advanced agricultural technologies to third world countries—rescuing hundreds of millions of people from malnutrition and starvation and transforming low-yield, labor-intensive farming into the high-tech, immensely productive industry it is today. Despite these stunning gains, critics of chemical farming remain vocal. Recently, the European Union passed a ban on twenty-two chemicals—about 15 percent of the EU pesticides market—to begin in 2011. In *Crop Chemophobia: Will Precaution Kill the Green Revolution?*, Jon Entine and his coauthors examine the “precautionary principle” that underlies the EU’s decision and explore the ban’s potential consequences—including environmental degradation, decreased food safety, impaired disease-control efforts, and a hungrier world.

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