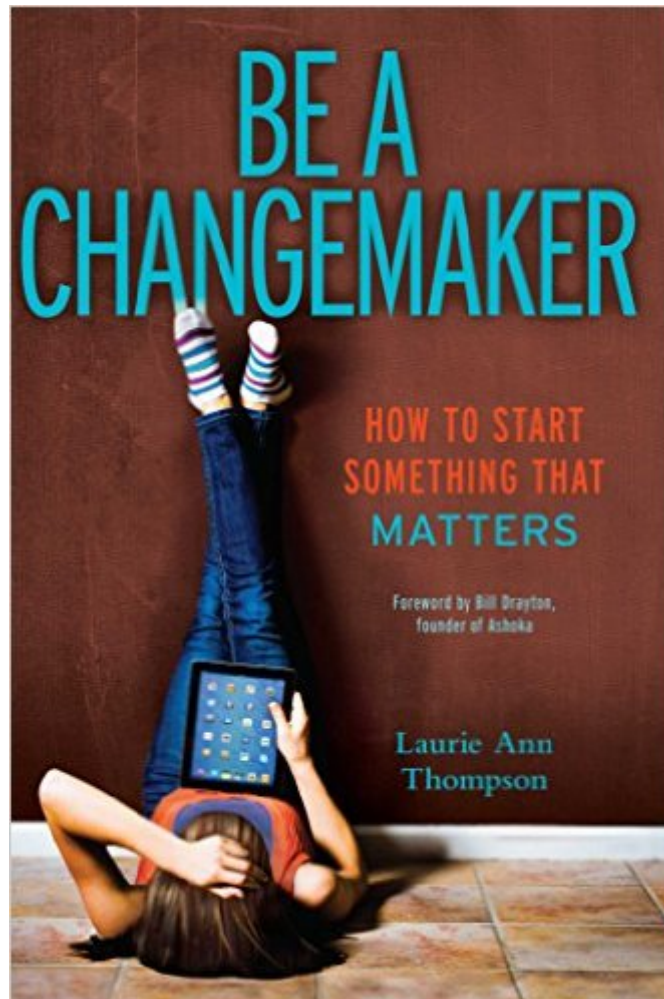


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# Be A Changemaker: How To Start Something That Matters



## Synopsis

Empower yourself in today's highly connected, socially conscious world as you learn how to wield your passions, digital tools, and the principles of social entrepreneurship to affect real change in your schools, communities, and beyond. At age eleven, Jessica Markowitz learned that girls in Rwanda are often not allowed to attend school, and *Richards Rwanda* took shape. During his sophomore year of high school, Zach Steinfeld put his love of baking to good use and started the Baking for Breast Cancer Club. Do you wish you could make a difference in your community or even the world? Are you one of the millions of high school teens with a service-learning requirement? Either way, *Be a Changemaker* will empower you with the confidence and knowledge you need to affect real change. You'll find all the tools you need right here—through engaging youth profiles, step-by-step exercises, and practical tips, you can start making a difference today. This inspiring guide will teach you how to research ideas, build a team, recruit supportive adults, fundraise, host events, work the media, and, most importantly, create lasting positive change. Apply lessons from the business world to problems that need solving and become a savvy activist with valuable skills that will benefit you for a lifetime!

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## Customer Reviews

Such a great read. This is the book I have trying to write. She beat me to it and did a much better

job than I would have done. What is so great about this book is not the message. Follow your passion is nothing new and often when reading this book I felt like she took a lot of stuff from Angela Maiers. However, what makes this book different is that it provides context in terms of how to actually act on your passion. It provides ideas, tips, reminders, and starting points to get going. As an adult I took many useful tips to apply to things that I am trying to do as an educator to make change. So even though the book is designed for YA, anyone can benefit. I have many highlights and pages marked to go back to and process, use, and share with students. A really helpful book to read to learn how to get started.

I wish this book existed when I was a teen, but it's also a great resource for anybody who wants to make a difference but isn't sure how to go about it, or where to start. Inspirational, motivating, lots of straightforward advice. I especially loved the changemaker profiles and "In my experience" anecdotes from the author. Highly recommend.

Chuck full of everything one needs to go from having an idea to implementing it, complete with business plan how to and PR information. This book is a changemaker in and of itself. It really could not be made simpler and it truly doesn't get any easier than this. Everything one needs, young adult to seniors – everyone can benefit from reading this. Simple, easy and best of all, not overwhelming which is probably the biggest reason most don't realize their potential and reach their goals. It's a how to book that really does inform, completely and in a way everyone can understand. There is no guessing. If you want to make a difference and have an idea – this is the book for you. Kudos to Laurie Ann Thompson, she IS the changemakers, changemaker.

Full disclosure: I bought this book because my friend wrote it. I started reading it because she wrote it. I kept reading it because it was so good. Now I am really impressed with my friend, because it turns out she wrote an awesome book. It's useful and inspirational. I bought three more copies to give to organizations that work with tweens and teens. It's a great thing to have on your shelf when a kid comes to you wanting to know how to make a difference. The world is a better place with this book in it.

This is the go-to book for social entrepreneurship, for changing the world for the better, one step at a time. I was inspired as I read the teen profiles, and brought to tears to see how empowered they were for making changes in their local communities, or communities abroad. Thompson provides an

easy to read mix of practical hands-on information for making business plans, marketing, enlisting mentors, budgeting and sustaining one's venture. I wish this book had been around when I was a teen! And the target audience is ideal: who better to change the world than teens who are powered by their passion, unjaded, confident, full of energy and hope. This is a book for teens, but it's inspiring for adults too and is the embodiment of the slogan, "think globally, act locally."

Have you ever seen something you wished were different? Noticed an injustice and wanted to fix it? Wanted to change something at school, in your community or in your world? **BE A CHANGEMAKER** by Laurie Ann Thompson is an awesome book that provides a step-by-step outline of how to identify and change something --- anything you wish to. **BE A CHANGEMAKER** is a mix of personal anecdotes by the author, real world stories of young people making a difference and tangible actions anyone can take to start something that matters. Targeted towards young adults who want to take a stand or make a difference, this book is a perfect starting place for a new venture or a great guide to improve any fledgling movement. The guide includes useful chapters on where to start, who to include on your team, business planning, money advice, speech ideas, event planning tips and many other important topics. Even if you don't think you want to start a movement or are just waiting for the right time, this book is still full of great information for first jobs, personal interactions and life in general.

Ms. Thompson has written a book that will change countless lives. As teens become more tech and world savvy they are also becoming increasingly empowered. This book guides them in how to create a service organization in a clear step by step manner. Easy to read and full of helpful how to information for the discerning teen, or any adult looking to make a difference.

Wow! This book takes you from the inspirational all the way down to the nitty-gritty of how to get things done! Perfect for both the kids who know they can change the world as well as kids who could use some very practical advice to show them what's possible. Easy to envision all sorts of clubs and organizations (Scouts, YMCA/YWCA, churches, etc...) turning to this as their how-to manual for making positive change in the world.

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