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"*Seeds of Deception* lays bare the blockbuster food safety issue of the 21st century. Every American should read this book."--**James S. Turner Esq., author of *The Chemical Feast: The Nader Report on the Food and Drug Administration***

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International bestselling author of *Seeds of Deception* and *Genetic Roulette*, Jeffrey M. Smith is a widely popular spokesperson on the documented health risks of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and how biotech companies rig research, gag critics, hijack regulators, and spin fantastic unfulfilled promises. His Institute for Responsible Technology's Campaign for Healthier Eating in America is designed to achieve the tipping point of consumer rejection of GMOs to force them out of the food supply. The campaign encourages public and private showings of the Monsanto film and offers support material at [www.ResponsibleTechnology.org](http://www.ResponsibleTechnology.org). He lives in Fairfield, Iowa. You can visit Jeffrey's blog on the Huffington Post at <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jeffrey-smith/>.

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