



## Dr. Lisa Weasel

### *The Food Detective*

In 2008, 80 percent of all corn and 92 percent of all soybeans grown in the United States were products of genetic engineering. Is a diet rich in recombinant DNA really hazardous to our health? Or are biotech seeds the solution to world hunger?

That's the debate Dr. Lisa Weasel investigates.

Dr. Weasel is a renowned molecular biologist and a recipient of a grant from the National Science Foundation to study the issue of genetically modified food. A graduate of Harvard and Cambridge Universities, she is currently a professor of biology at Portland State University and was a member of Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski's task force on developing policy for bio-pharmaceutical crops in Oregon.

Winner of the prestigious CAREER Award from the National Science Foundation, Dr. Weasel is a member of Project Kaleidoscope's Faculty for the 21st Century and a co-editor of *Feminist Science Studies: A New Generation*.

In her latest book, *Food Fray: Inside the Controversy Over Genetically Modified Food*, Dr. Weasel takes a fair and even-handed approach to this critical issue of our time. She has discovered that the peril and promise of these foods are steeped in misunderstanding, greed, and politics. Dr. Weasel digs deeply into this debate and brings a global chorus of voices—researchers, policymakers, grassroots activists, farmers and consumers—to the table. Combining scientific insights with gripping and telling anecdotes, she sheds light on key facts about agricultural biotechnology that are often overshadowed by the hype and hysteria associated with the topic.

Eye-opening and informative, Dr. Weasel acknowledges the boom and bust of genetically modified food. She argues that genetically modified seeds may not solve the increasingly dire dilemma of world hunger, but holds hope that science can contribute to the quest to help feed millions if aimed at the true public good.

Dr. Weasel is also an advocate for women in science and describes the role gender plays in the environmental world.

Sharp, articulate, and approachable, Dr. Weasel gives you the clues to make up your own mind about genetically modified food to decide a real "whodunit."

