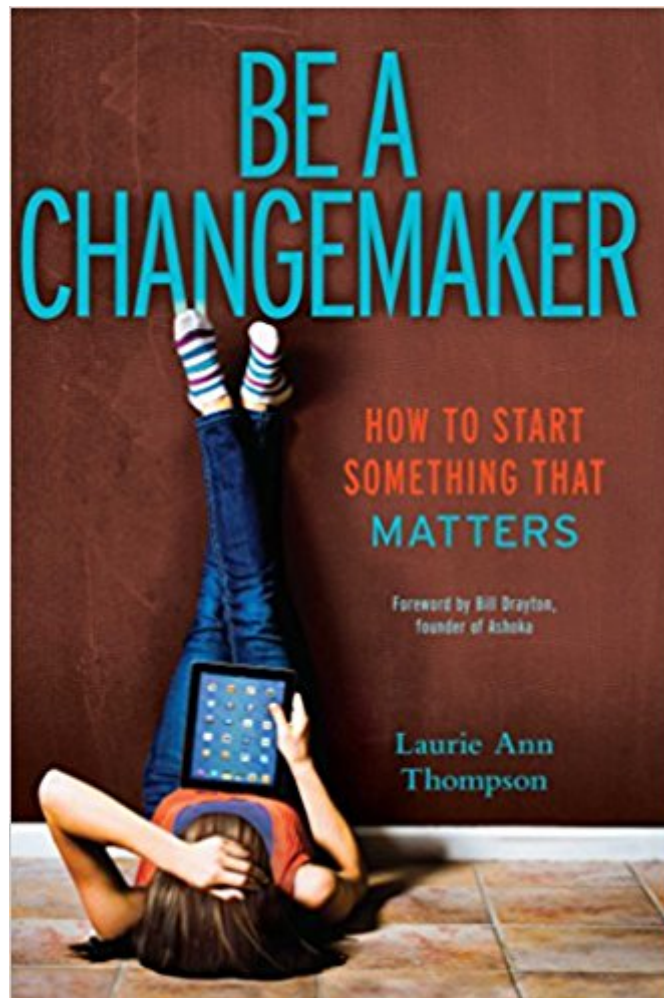




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# Be A Changemaker: How To Start Something That Matters



## 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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 Finalist for 2014 Cybils Award  
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 (School Library Journal)  
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 "This book is packed with practical advice and inspiration for anyone who has a yearning to build a better world." (David Bornstein, author of *How to Change the World* and columnist for the New York Times)  
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 "There's no time when we most want to change the world than in our youth years. Laurie Ann Thompson speaks clearly to young people who want to make a difference in their surroundings, doing their part to make the world a better place. Thompson explains that no matter how small a good idea may seem, it may be just a tiny seed for something that will grow and affect other people's lives in a positive way." (Ana Calabresi, Librarian)

Laurie Ann Thompson cofounded a successful Internet start-up with her husband during the technology boom. She has volunteered with Youth Venture, an organization that supports teens with big ideas, and she makes time for other volunteer opportunities as they arise. Thompson has more than twenty-five published articles in *Faces*, *Know*, *Kono*, *Wee Ones*, *ParentMap*, and more. Visit her at [LaurieThompson.com](http://LaurieThompson.com).

Bought for daughter. I've read it but not sure if daughter has even cracked it open. It has excellent ideas on how to get out there and make changes and create/organize charitable organizations that are doable for teens.

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.

This was a very helpful book as a step-by-step assistance to those young people who want to start a business or a charitable endeavor. Thompson provides good links and hints that would help young people think through what they need to do.

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