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An Entertaining And Thought-Provoking Look Behind The Curtain Of The Global Economy

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Updates to this paperback edition include:

- The author's astonishing search for the garment worker in Honduras who inspired the book and who underwent a death-defying journey of love, sacrifice, and hope
- The lives of the factory workers and their families now, and how the global financial crisis affected them
- A visit to a fair trade Ethiopian shoe factory that is changing lives one job at time
- Discussion guide for teachers and educators, focusing on sweatshops, child labor, fair trade, individual and corporate social responsibility, and other global economic issues

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