

The Big Necessity: The Unmentionable World of Human Waste and Why it Matters



About Rose George:

Rose George began writing in 1994 as an intern at *The Nation* and later became senior editor and writer at *COLORS*, the bilingual "global magazine about local cultures." She has since written for the *Guardian*, *Independent*, *London Review of Books*, and others.

Ms. George has been a war correspondent in Kosovo and is currently associate editor for *Tank*, a quarterly magazine of fashion, art, reportage, and culture based in London. She holds degrees from the University of Oxford and the University of Pennsylvania.

In *The Big Necessity*, Rose George gives an account of her travels through the intriguing but neglected world of the disposal of human waste—an overdue exploration of the world's biggest unsolved public health crisis.



- **2.6 billion people** lack the most basic thing that human dignity requires.
- **Four in ten people** in the world have no toilet.
- **Every 15 seconds** a child dies from diarrhea—usually brought on by fecal-contaminated food or water.

"Meanwhile, the western world luxuriates in flush toilets; in toilets that play music or can check blood pressure, where the flush is a thoughtless thing, and anything that can go down a sewer—[diapers], motorbikes, goldfish—does."

—from *The Big Necessity*

On Tuesday, March 23, British writer **Rose George's** free public lecture at the Great Lakes Science Center will explore the need to find efficient and environmentally sustainable methods of disposing of human waste.

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

WHAT: A lecture by author **Rose George**

WHERE: Omnimax Theater
Great Lakes Science Center
601 Erieside Avenue in Downtown Cleveland

WHEN: Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m.

THIS FREE LECTURE is part of the Great Lakes Science Center's *Water: H₂O = Life* exhibit and includes free parking and free admission to the exhibit.

RESERVATIONS: Call **216.621.2400** **Seating is limited!**

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