

# A Slow Death by Capitalism

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This Book is dedicated to the following:

My Mother for her constant support.

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Sue Wolf; She's the one that made this project possible.

## Artist Statement:

I was raised in a house that was structured on promoting free thought, and in a sense, non conformity. I can proudly say that due to this background, I've never really fit in anywhere. I was raised in a household that had limited funds. This is not to say that I was raised in a poor family, but definitely not a rich one. My mother Home schooled me K to 12. I was raised a vegan, I was also given huge amounts of free time compared to my school going peers. But in turn, I wasn't allowed video games or TV. This was to ensure that I didn't waste the time that I was given. In all honesty, I was raised in a house that was as unconventional as possible. My mother heavily promoted reading, and I also had a love of stories and learning, so I read more things than I could count over the years. There were several books that I read that altered my outlook on the world drastically. The Book of Five Rings by Miyamoto Musashi, The Art of War by Sun Zhu, The Teachings of the Buddha, and the last one has had the largest impact on the then early teen me; The Communists Manifesto by Karl Marx, and Friedrich Engels. These books, and the way I was raised really dictated who I am today. This is what this project is all about. It's me trying to express the change I wish to see in the world. I'm a socialist, I'm a vegetarian, I'm a great many things, and all of these things have lead me to despise the generic chain restaurants, and chain stores for that matter.

Chain restaurants entice the poor with the promise of cheap food. But inturn they pay their employee significantly less than a living wage. Therefore they are able to maintain the status quo. For example, Mcdonald's in the third quarter of 2013 made a 1.5 Billion dollar profit. McDonald's currently has 440,000 employees, if they took that profit and divided that between their employes, that would be 3409 dollars to each of them; or an extra 7.10 dollars an hour. If you look at it from this viewpoint, why can't they pay, let's say 10.00 dollars an hour? This is because in a capitalist system, it's profit before people. The rich get richer, while to poor get poorer. This is a vicious system that needs to be put to an end now!



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### About The Artist:

Given Zane is a 21 year old photographer based out of the Saint Louis Missouri Area. He's currently enrolled in a University majoring in Software Engineering, with a minor in photography. He's been taking pictures seriously for over a decade now, and has no intention of stopping anytime soon.

