

## Poisoned Profits by Philip Shabecoff and Alice Shabecoff

### Q & A for the Media

Why did you write this book?

How big a problem is environmentally caused childhood illness?

Aren't these statistics a function of better reporting and/or changed diagnoses?

Aren't many of these diseases traceable to genetic predisposition rather than environmental exposure?

Aren't potentially dangerous chemicals screened and tested to assure they do not pose a risk? Isn't government acting to protect our children?

What are the major illnesses to which toxic substances are a major contributor? How do you know this is cause and effect, not just an association?

Why do you say Americans are sicker? Isn't our mortality rate dropping? Don't we have the best health care in the world?

Are kids more at risk than adults? How come? How and where are children exposed?

Why do you call it a crime? Who is responsible for putting poisons into our kid's environment? What is the motive?

What is the cost to the nation?

Tell us some of the stories you came across while gathering material for this book.

Why isn't what is happening to the children better known?

Are you telling us to give up chemicals, to live the way people lived 60 years ago?

What steps can parents take to lower the danger to their children? Can parental action alone protect the kids? What more needs to be done? What will it take?

Isn't there as much radiation from the potassium in a banana as from a glass of water containing the nuclear energy waste product tritium? Aren't there toxic elements in nature?