A Peace Corps Volunteer’s Inspirational Story about the Power of Small Change

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In *The Springs of Namje*, former Peace Corps volunteer Rajeev Goyal reflects on what he learned from his experiences in Namje, a small village in eastern Nepal, and on Capitol Hill. He candidly considers what qualities constitute an effective activist, and he outlines how the Peace Corps and other organizations must evolve to better partner with local communities. With a focus on environmentalism and on bottom-up rather than top-down activism, Goyal argues that we can no longer rely on outdated models of foreign aid. And he shows how architects and designers, farmers and teachers, builders and environmentalists, and, especially, young Americans are in a unique position to contribute to this new world.

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