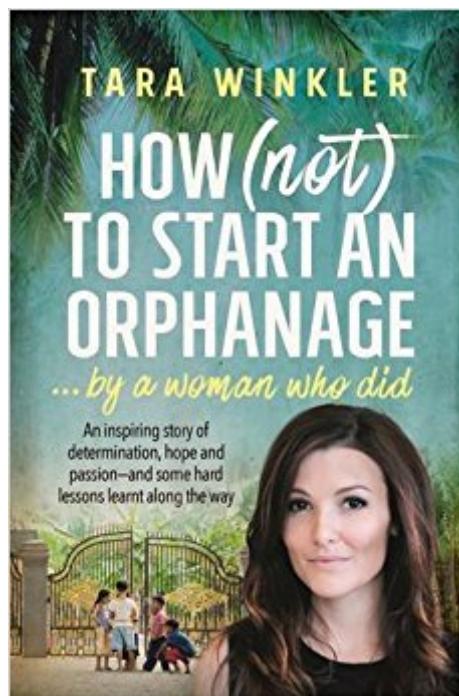


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# How (Not) To Start An Orphanage: By A Woman Who Did



## Synopsis

How could it be wrong to save the children by starting an orphanage? Oh, in so many ways . . . Tara Winkler first arrived in Cambodia to join a tour group in 2005 and was taken to visit a small orphanage in Battambang. The children were living in extreme poverty, and Tara was determined to raise money to help them. Two years later, after fundraising in Australia, Tara returned to Battambang only to discover that the same children were in deep trouble. Her spontaneous response was to find them a new, safe, home. With a team of committed locals and support from friends, she established the Cambodian Children's Trust (CCT). With an instant family of 14 children and three dogs, Tara had to learn a lot, very fast. And, along the way, she realized that many of the actions she took with good intentions were not at all what the children needed— or indeed, what any child needs. CCT now helps vulnerable children to escape poverty and be cared for within their families. In this compelling, poignant, and funny memoir, Tara shares the many joys and the terrible lows of her journey thus far with honesty and passion. Written with co-writer, Lynda Delacey, *How (Not) to Start an Orphanage* is a book that will keep you thinking long after you turn the final page.

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Winkler was twenty-two when she discovered the director of the orphanage where she was volunteering was embezzling donations and abusing children. She now provides education and health programs through the Cambodian Children's Trust. \* Herald Sun, 2016's Hottest 100 Books \* An eye-opening, inspiring and deeply moving story \* Vacations & Travel \*

Tara Winkler is the Managing Director of the Cambodian Children's Trust (CCT) which she established with Jedtha Pon in 2007 in order to rescue fourteen children from a corrupt and abusive orphanage. Tara has led CCT through a number of significant organisational changes, including the closure of the initial CCT orphanage in favour of a holistic model of programs and services to help Cambodian families escape poverty, while ensuring family preservation. Tara now speaks out against the spread of orphanages in developing countries, caused by the good intentions of foreign donors, and of harm that comes to children when they are separated from family and left to grow up in institutions. In 2011 Tara was awarded NSW Young Australian of the Year in recognition of her work with CCT and she has been featured twice on Australian Story.

As an intercountry adoptive mother I think Tara needs to look at other countries orphanages before being so black and white about her opinions. However I do think what she is doing for Cambodia is great.

Nothing I say could even begin to do this book justice. Winkler is brave, she is humble, and she is an absolute inspiration for a multitude of reasons (despite her genuine protests to the opposite).

A book full of love and real solutions to end the problem of orphanages in poverty stricken countries. Want to know how to really help a child in an orphanage; read this book.

Important and easy to read account of what at risk children really need. Honest and inspiring. An enjoyable and educational book.

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