Lead in lipstick? Formaldehyde in baby shampoo? How is this possible? Simple. The $50 billion cosmetics industry is so powerful they have kept themselves unregulated for decades.

In 2000, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control reported American women had a higher “body burden” of phthalates, a set of industrial chemicals linked to birth defects and infertility. Suspicions about repeated exposure from cosmetics led to some disturbing discoveries.

Not Just a Pretty Face chronicles the quest that led a group of breast cancer activists and environmentalists to the offices of the world’s largest cosmetics companies to ask some tough questions:

• Why do they market themselves as pink ribbon leaders in the fight against breast cancer, yet use chemicals that may contribute to that very disease?
• Why do so many body-care products marketed to men and women of childbearing age contain chemicals linked to birth defects and infertility?
• Why do so many baby shampoos contain cancer-causing chemicals?

As doors slammed in their faces, the beauty myth peeled away and the industry’s toxic secrets began to emerge.

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Stacy Malkan is the author of the award-winning book, *Not Just a Pretty Face: The Ugly Side of the Beauty Industry* and co-founder of the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics, an international coalition of health and environmental groups working to eliminate toxic chemicals from beauty products. Stacy is a leading expert on toxic chemicals in cosmetics and how to find the safest products. She is frequently interviewed by major media including *Good Morning America, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times* and many others. Prior to her work as a leading environmental health advocate, Stacy worked for ten years as a journalist and newspaper publisher. For more information visit: [notjustaprettyface.org](http://notjustaprettyface.org) and [safecosmetics.org](http://safecosmetics.org).

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