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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE EARTH'S CLIMATE

Everyone's Guide to the Science of Climate Change

STEVEN EARLE, PHD

What's natural, what's caused by humans, and why climate change is a disaster for all

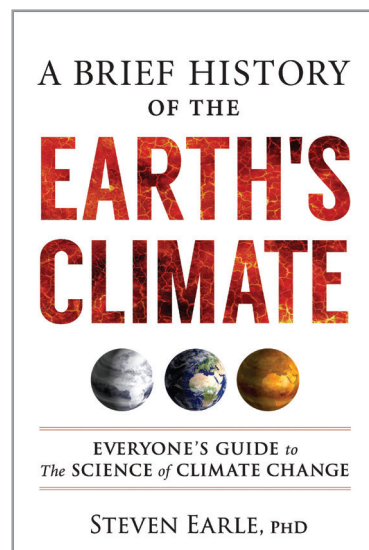
A Brief History of the Earth's Climate is an accessible myth-busting guide to the natural evolution of the Earth's climate over 4.6 billion years, and how and why human-caused global warming and climate change is different and much more dangerous.

Richly illustrated chapters cover the major historical climate change processes including evolution of the sun, plate motions and continental collisions, volcanic eruptions, changes to major ocean currents, Earth's orbital variations, sunspot variations, and short-term ocean current cycles. As well as recent human-induced climate change and an overview of the climate implications of the COVID-19 pandemic. Content includes:

- ▶ Understanding the natural geological processes that shaped the climate
- ▶ How human impacts are now rapidly changing the climate
- ▶ Tipping points and the unfolding climate crisis
- ▶ What we can do to limit the damage to the planet and ecosystems
- ▶ Countering climate myths peddled by climate change science deniers.

A Brief History of the Earth's Climate is essential reading for everyone who is looking to understand what drives climate change, counter skeptics and deniers, and take action on the climate emergency.

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RUNAWAY CLIMATE

What the Geological Past Can Tell Us about the Coming Climate Change Catastrophe

STEVEN EARLE, PHD

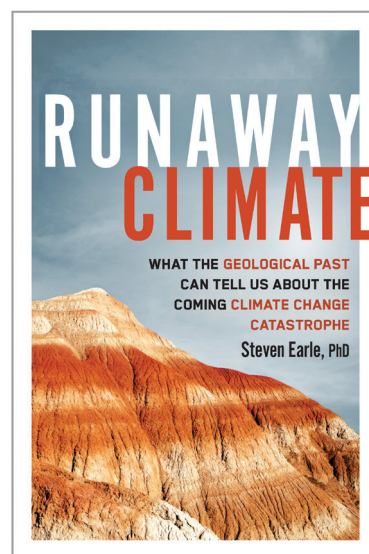
With tipping points and extreme global warming looming, the key to understanding our climate future lies in our distant past

Runaway Climate explores the causes of the Paleocene Eocene Thermal Maximum (PETM) rapid climate-heating episode, its dramatic impact on life on Earth, and lessons for our climate future.

Fifty-six million years ago our planet experienced a period of intense warming known as the PETM, resulting in a rapid global temperature increase of about 7°C. Triggered by natural geological processes over millennia and magnified by strong climate feedback loops, the PETM lasted for about 180,000 years and drastically altered life on Earth. Yet in only a few short decades we've pumped similar amounts of greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere, making the PETM an unsettlingly apt analogy for our current predicament. This deeply cautionary tale explores:

- ▶ Runaway feedback loops driving climate past a tipping point
- ▶ Widespread ecological collapse and extreme climate impacts
- ▶ A hostile hothouse Earth with rising seas, deserts, and human displacement
- ▶ An urgent call for rapid emissions cuts and systemic climate action.

Scientifically rigorous, yet accessible to a wide audience, *Runaway Climate* is essential reading for everyone committed to understanding and taking action on the climate emergency.



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ESCAPE FROM OVERSHOOT

Economics for a Planet in Peril

PETER A. VICTOR

Earth overshoot will end either by design or by disaster. Which future should we choose?

Earth is in overshoot. The juggernaut of economic growth rolls on, consuming the biosphere, breaking planetary boundaries, and stretching inequality and injustice to the breaking point. But does it really need to be this way? And if not, what are the options?

In *Escape from Overshoot*, celebrated ecological economist Peter A. Victor takes us on a grand tour of the overshoot crisis. From the history of economic thought through energy and material blindness, we learn how we got here and why collapse is inevitable unless we change course. But as the clock ticks, what pathways are possible and plausible? Victor surveys the alternatives — from green growth and doughnut economics to well-being, steady-state, and post-growth economics — and their limits. He then dives into what the latest and most sophisticated economic modelling tells us about whether we can intentionally shrink our economy and avoid collapse, all while enhancing human thriving and justice for all. The results are both surprising and profound.

Ambitious, measured, and accessible, *Escape from Overshoot* is a vividly illustrated guide to the past, present, and future of the human economic project and our place on planet earth.

I WANT A BETTER CATASTROPHE

Navigating the Climate Crisis with Grief, Hope, and Gallows Humor

ANDREW BOYD

An existential manual for tragic optimists, can-do pessimists, and compassionate doomers

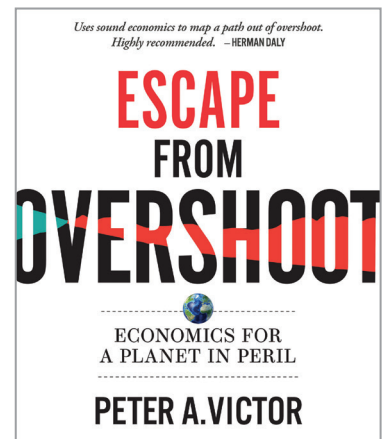
With global warming projected to rocket past the 1.5°C limit, lifelong activist Andrew Boyd is thrown into a crisis of hope, and off on a quest to learn how to live with the “impossible news” of our climate doom.

He searches out eight leading climate thinkers — from collapse-psychologist Jamey Hecht to grassroots strategist adrienne maree brown, eco-philosopher Joanna Macy, and Indigenous botanist Robin Wall Kimmerer — asking them: “Is it really the end of the world? and if so, now what?”

With gallows humor and a broken heart, Boyd steers readers through their climate angst as he walks his own. From storm-battered coastlines to pipeline blockades and “hopelessness workshops,” he maps out our existential options, and tackles some familiar dilemmas: “Should I bring kids into such a world?” “Can I lose hope when others can’t afford to?” and “Why the fuck am I recycling?”

He finds answers that will surprise, inspire, and maybe even make you laugh in this insightful and irreverent guide for achieving a “better catastrophe.”

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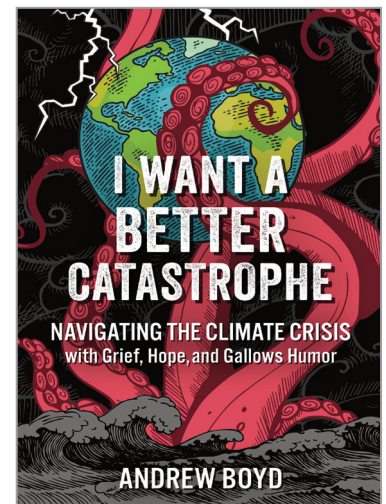
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FACING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY - 2nd Edition

How to Transform Yourself with Climate Truth

MARGARET KLEIN SALAMON

Face the truth of climate change, accept your fears, and become the hero that humanity needs

A lifeline for those suffering with climate anxiety, *Facing the Climate Emergency* combines expertise in clinical psychology with disruptive climate activism to help readers transform their fear and grief into courage and heroism. The second edition of this beloved radical self-help book provides:

- ▶ An updated analysis of the context of the climate movement including COVID-19, the hunger crisis, growing political unrest, and more
- ▶ An unflinching analysis of the accelerating impacts of climate change and what they mean for each of us, personally
- ▶ Concrete strategies for tackling climate anxiety, including welcoming painful feelings and using them to catalyze change
- ▶ Inspiring profiles of ordinary people sounding the alarm by gluing themselves to priceless works of art, blocking transportation corridors, and shutting down fossil fuel infrastructure
- ▶ Resources, exercises for self-reflection, and an invitation to the Climate Awakening, a global virtual climate emotions platform.

Featuring a foreword by visionary filmmaker and philanthropist Adam McKay, *Facing the Climate Emergency* takes a deep dive into why disruptive grassroots activism is the fastest, most cost-effective path to transformative change.

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EARTH FOR ALL

A Survival Guide for Humanity

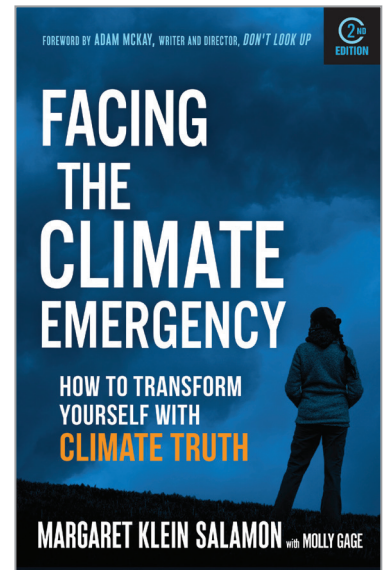
SANDRINE DIXSON-DECLÈVE, OWEN GAFFNEY, JAYATI GHOSH, JORGEN RANDERS,
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The economic operating system keeps crashing. It's time to upgrade to a new one.

WEarth For All offers a hopeful roadmap for humanity at a critical moment. Drawing on cutting-edge computer modeling of the global economy, population, inequality, food, and energy, leading scientists and economists outline five bold, system-shifting steps to achieve prosperity for all within planetary limits — within a single generation.

Building on the legacy of the Limits to Growth, *Earth for All* shows how crossing planetary boundaries and rising inequality threaten social stability, while also presenting two possible futures: Too-Little-Too-Late or The Giant Leap. Clear, accessible, and visually engaging, *Earth For All* charts a practical path to reboot the global economic system, reduce poverty and inequality, and transform food and energy systems by 2050 — making it essential reading for anyone concerned about the future of people and planet.

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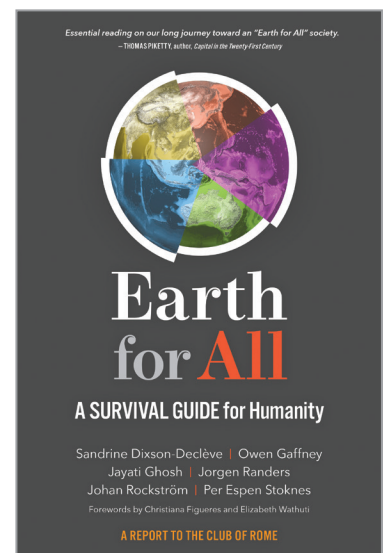
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LIVING THE 1.5 DEGREE LIFESTYLE

Why Individual Climate Action Matters More than Ever

LLOYD ALTER

Stop thinking about efficiency and start thinking about sufficiency

Living the 1.5 Degree Lifestyle reveals the carbon cost of everything we do, identifying where we can make big reductions, while not sweating the small stuff.

The international scientific consensus is that we have less than a decade to drastically slash our collective carbon emissions to keep global heating to 1.5 degrees and avert catastrophe. This means that many of us have to cut our individual carbon footprints by over 80% to 2.5 tonnes per person per year by 2030. But where to start?

Drawing on Lloyd Alter's journey to track his daily carbon emissions and live the 1.5 degree lifestyle, coverage includes:

- ▶ What it looks like to live a rich and truly green life
- ▶ From take-out food, to bikes and cars, to your internet usage — finding the big wins, ignoring the trivial, and spotting marketing ploys
- ▶ The invisible embodied carbon baked into everything we own and why electric cars aren't the answer
- ▶ How to start thinking about sufficiency rather than efficiency
- ▶ The roles of individuals versus governments and corporations.

Grounded in meticulous research and yet accessible to all, *Living the 1.5 Degree Lifestyle* is a journey toward a life of quality over quantity, and sufficiency over efficiency, as we race to save our only home from catastrophic heating.

WE'RE ALL CLIMATE HYPOCRITES NOW

How Embracing Our Limitations Can Unlock the Power of a Movement

SAMI GROVER

Changing your behavior matters. Transforming the system matters more

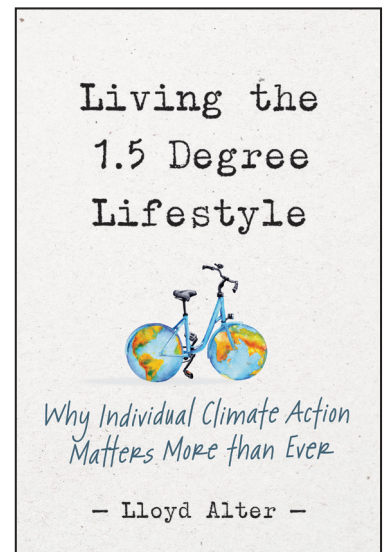
We're All Climate Hypocrites Now reimagines what it means to be a "good environmentalist." Moving past carbon footprints, self-confessed eco-hypocrite Sami Grover takes a tongue-in-cheek approach, skewering those pointing fingers, celebrating those trying, and offering practical pathways to actually make a difference.

With humor and honesty, self-described eco-hypocrite Sami Grover moves beyond carbon footprints to explore how individual choices can drive real systemic change. Challenging the culture of shaming and finger-pointing, the book celebrates imperfect action and helps readers identify the climate actions that matter most in their own lives.

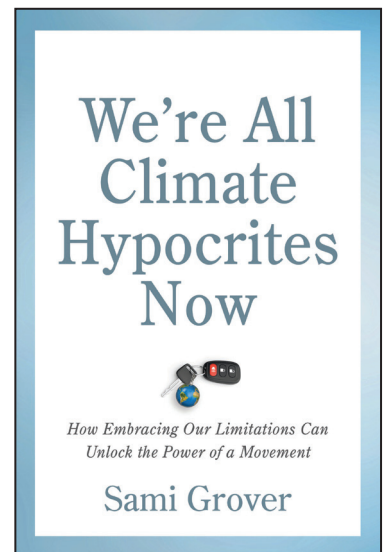
We're All Climate Hypocrites Now explores:

- ▶ How environmentalism lost its groove
- ▶ Why major polluters focus attention on personal carbon footprints
- ▶ How businesses can find and use their activist voice
- ▶ The real power of individuals to spark widespread, systemic change.

Accessible, practical, and optimistic, *We're All Climate Hypocrites Now* shows how millions of imperfect people can work together to make a meaningful difference—and change the system.



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COMING BACK TO LIFE

The Updated Guide to the Work That Reconnects

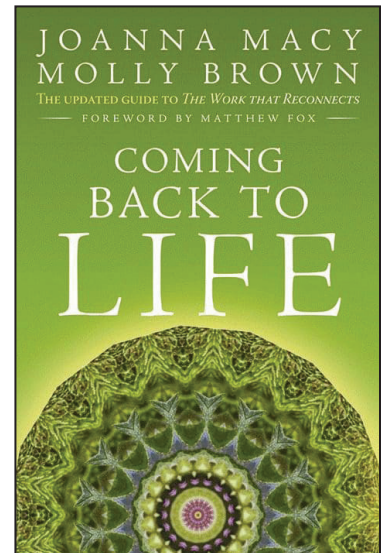
JOANNA MACY and MOLLY YOUNG BROWN

Personal empowerment in the face of planetary despair

Inspiration, practices, and meditations to empower us in the face of planetary suffering: "True wisdom for tough times." —John Robbins, author of *Diet for a New America*

Deepening global crises surround us, causing many to fall prey to denial and despair. *Coming Back to Life* shows how grief, anger, and fear are healthy responses to the harsh realities of our time, and that when honored through the revolutionary practice of the Work That Reconnects, they can free us from paralysis and move us toward creative action.

This new, completely updated edition of the classic text illuminates the extraordinary Work that has inspired hundreds of thousands to make strides towards the creation of a life-sustaining human culture. Buddhist scholar and environmental activist Joanna Macy and Molly Young Brown introduce the Work's theoretical foundations, revealing the angst of our era with remarkable insight. Pointing the way forward out of apathy, they offer personal counsel as well as easy-to-use methods for group processes that profoundly affect people's outlook and ability to act in the world.



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THE REGENERATION HANDBOOK

Transform Yourself to Transform the World

DON HALL

Leadership for the Great Transition—a changemaker's toolkit for cultivating personal and community resilience

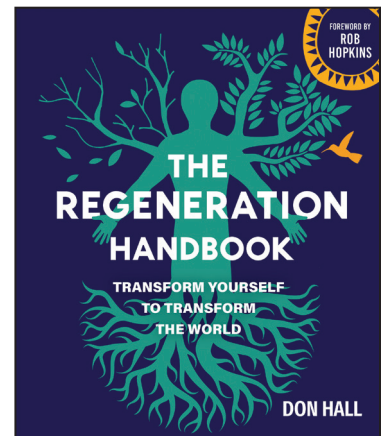
The Regeneration Handbook offers an abundance of insights, stories, tools, practices, and resources for experienced and aspiring changemakers to step into their full power at this time of unprecedented global crisis.

By introducing readers to a different kind of activism — based on universal patterns of transformation, expansion, wholeness, and balance — it points the way to a truly just and regenerative future.

Drawing on author Don Hall's experience as a leader in the international Transition Towns Movement — as well as the work of dozens of regenerative thinkers and doers across many fields, including ecology, psychology, sociology, organizational development, and systems thinking — this book will help you:

- ▶ Better understand our current environmental, economic, and social polycrisis
- ▶ Develop a holistic and inspiring vision for the future
- ▶ Cultivate the confidence to lead and strengthen inner resilience
- ▶ Work effectively in collaborative groups and organizations
- ▶ Design and implement practical projects that foster sustainability and justice.

While none of us can change the world alone, we all have an important part to play in the Great Transition. By starting wherever we are and leaning into this historic challenge, we'll discover our deepest purpose, realize our highest potential, and learn how to harness the power of regeneration to radically transform our lives, our communities, and our world.



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THE SOLUTIONARY WAY

Transform Your Life, Your Community, and the World for the Better

ZOE WEIL

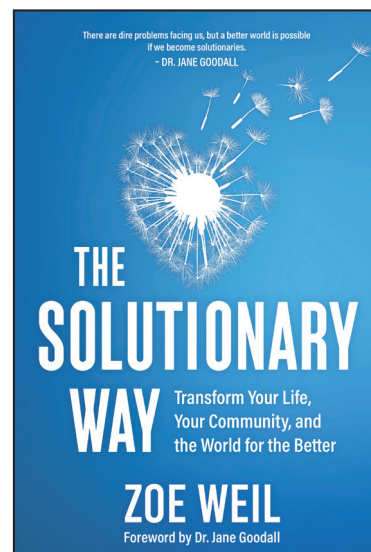
Forges a path away from polarization toward ethical problem solving and a more humane, equitable, and healthy society

From tackling injustice to protecting the environment to ending animal cruelty to improving the strength of our communities, deep divisions in our society often prevent us from working collaboratively to solve the problems we face.

Based on Zoe Weil's decades of work as a humane educator, *The Solutionary Way* provides clear, achievable methods to bridge divides, address the causes of seemingly intractable challenges, and create positive change. Grounded in evidence-based optimism and illustrated with dozens of real-world examples, this book provides:

- ▶ A guide to the primary components of a solutionary mindset — critical, systems, strategic, and creative thinking
- ▶ A comprehensive articulation of the solutionary framework (Identify, Investigate, Innovate, and Implement)
- ▶ A compelling argument for the MOGO principle — to do the most good and least harm for people, animals, and the environment
- ▶ An overview of emerging solutions to a variety of systemic, rather than solitary problems.

This exciting and empowering book will appeal to a broad audience, including changemakers, advocates, and leaders committed to a healthier, more equitable, and humane world.



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THE ART OF CREATING WORKSHOPS FOR WOMEN

A Guide to Facilitating Soulful Spaces, Events, and Retreats

MARLENE SCHIWY

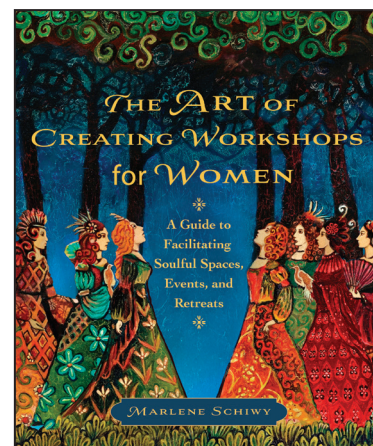
The comprehensive mentor and companion to facilitating inspiring workshops that nurture women's community, creativity, and personal growth

Do you dream of offering inspiring, transformative gatherings where women can sink into their own creative depths? Let this essential guide be your mentor and companion on the journey to facilitating safe and sacred spaces where hearts are nourished, imaginations stirred, and creativity flourishes in the warmth of genuine community.

From the first glimmer of an idea to delivery and beyond, author, teacher, and facilitator Marlene Schiwy considers the many aspects of crafting one-of-a-kind, immersive workshops and retreats including:

- ▶ *Designing a rich and compelling offering*
- ▶ *Grounding, nurturing, teaching, deep listening, and dealing with challenging situations and participants*
- ▶ *Practical considerations such as marketing, logistics, costing, and preparation*
- ▶ *Reflection, celebration, following up, and looking ahead.*

The Art of Creating Workshops for Women is the first book of its kind for those called to lead meaningful gatherings. Beginning presenters will discover everything they need to embark on their vocation, while experienced facilitators will find fresh inspiration and a renewed sense of purpose. Participants will be intrigued by this unique behind-the-scenes look at what goes into the workshops they love.



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COMING TOGETHER IN THE GREAT TURNING

Collective Liberation and Work That Reconnects

ARAVINDA ANANDA, MOLLY YOUNG BROWN and KURT A. KUHWALD

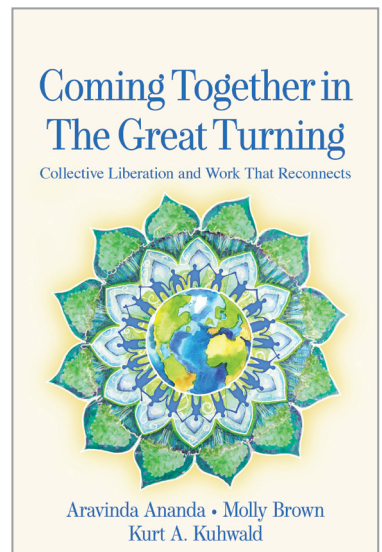
None of us are free until all of us are free – overcoming systemic oppression through transformative group work

The Work That Reconnects has helped countless individuals to move through denial and despair into meaningful, collaborative action. This essential guide is ideal for those seeking to deepen this work by addressing systemic racism, injustice, and oppression.

Rooted in the deceptively simple premise that none of us are free until all of us are free, *Coming Together in the Great Turning* represents a decade-long interrogation and expansion of the revolutionary practices of the Work That Reconnects. Powerful contributions from practitioners:

- ▶ Address the false split between environmental and social justice and identify the common roots of human rights abuses and ecological destruction
- ▶ Explore how intersectional systems of oppression manifest in group settings, and provide strategies for shifting these dynamics to interconnected systems of support
- ▶ Demonstrate how to move beyond “-isms” and identity politics toward true diversity, equity, inclusion, allyship, solidarity, collective liberation, and a “Just Transition”
- ▶ Share powerful perspectives, teachings, exercises, and rituals drawn from the practical experience of facilitators worldwide
- ▶ Offer specific guidance for creating safer spaces and expanding cultural competency through anti-oppressive and trauma-informed facilitation.

This vital resource is required reading for facilitators and participants, change agents and activists, visionaries, and anyone who feels pain for our world and is committed to catalyzing change for a just and thriving world.



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THE ART OF FOCUSED CONVERSATION, 2nd Edition

More Than 100 Ways to Access Group Wisdom in Your Organization

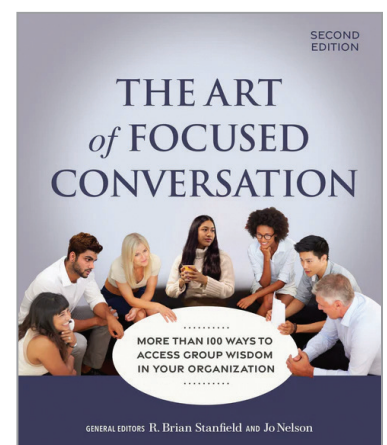
THE INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS EDITED BY R. BRIAN STANFIELD and JO NELSON

Integrating over 60 years of research and development, this essential guide to group communication and participatory decision-making is an international bestseller

The Art of Focused Conversation, a core component of the Technology of Participation (ToP) methodology by The Institute of Cultural Affairs, is vital for facilitators aiming to lead effective conversations and foster collaboration. The fully updated and revised edition includes:

- ▶ Practical guidance for preparing and facilitating focused conversations
- ▶ A clear overview of the ORID framework for guiding groups to wise decisions
- ▶ ToP's applied phenomenology as reinforced by neuroscience and social psychology
- ▶ New sections on diversity, equity, and inclusion; work-life balance; conflict resolution; and guiding focused conversations online
- ▶ 125 adaptable sample conversations for a wide range of situations.

Incorporate and elevate your group process with this invaluable resource — required reading for facilitators, leaders, educators, and anyone who wants to think clearly and guide thoughtful conversations.



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THE EMPOWERMENT MANUAL

A Guide for Collaborative Groups

STARHAWK

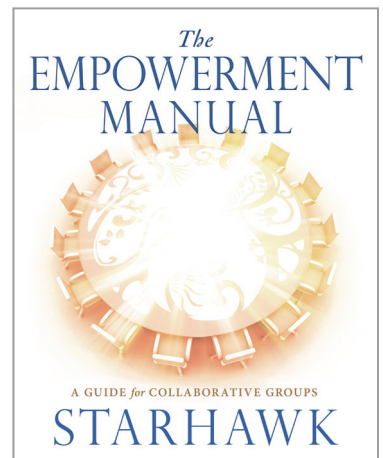
How collaborative groups can harness their ideals, passion, skills, and knowledge.

A Transition Town group involved in preparations for peak oil and climate change; an intentional community, founded with the highest ideals; a nonprofit dedicated to social change — millions of such voluntary groups exist around the world. These collaborative organizations have the unique potential to harness their members' ideals, passions, skills, and knowledge — if they can succeed in getting along together.

The Empowerment Manual is a comprehensive manual for groups seeking to organize with shared power and bottom-up leadership to foster vision, trust, accountability, and responsibility. This desperately needed toolkit provides keys to:

- ▶ Understanding group dynamics
- ▶ Facilitating communication and collective decision-making
- ▶ Dealing effectively with difficult people.

Drawing on four decades of experience, Starhawk shows how collaborative groups can generate the cooperation, efficacy, and commitment critical to success. Her extensive exploration of group process is woven together with the story of RootBound — a fictional ecovillage mired in conflict — and rounded out with a series of real-life case studies. The included exercises and facilitator toolbox show how to establish the necessary structures, ground rules, and healthy norms. *The Empowerment Manual* is required reading for anyone who wants to help their group avoid disagreement and disillusionment and become a wellspring of creativity and innovation.



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WIDENING CIRCLES

A Memoir

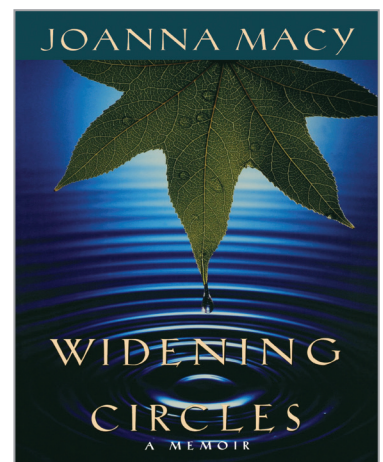
JOANNA MACY

The life story of one of the most revered environmental and spiritual leaders of our time

In *Widening Circles*, well-known eco-philosopher, Buddhist scholar, and deep ecology activist /teacher Joanna Macy recounts her adventures of mind and spirit in the key social movements of her time. Macy's autobiography reads like a novel as she relates her multi-faceted life experiences and reflects on how her marriage and family life enriched her service to the world.

Macy's formative years with an abusive father and oppressed mother set her on an irrevocable path of self-definition and independence. A short-lived stint with the CIA exposed Macy firsthand to the Cold War's darkest threats: the construction of the hydrogen bomb and the building of the Berlin Wall. With three children in tow, Macy and her husband traveled with the Peace Corps to Africa, India, and Tibet, where her encounter with the Dalai Lama and Buddhism led to Macy's life-long embrace of the religion and a deep commitment to the peace and environmental movements.

Joanna Macy was one of those rare people who, in the words of a Rilke poem, could genuinely claim to "live my life in widening circles / that reach out across the world." In this absorbing, and sometimes thrilling memoir, the unique synthesis of spiritualism and activism that defined Macy's contribution to the world are illuminated by the life events and experiences that paved her uncommon path.



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INDIGENOMICS

Taking a Seat at the Economic Table

CAROL ANNE HILTON

Igniting the \$100 billion Indigenous economy

It is time. It is time to increase the visibility, role, and responsibility of the emerging modern Indigenous economy and the people involved. This is the foundation for economic reconciliation. This is Indigenomics.

Indigenomics lays out the tenets of the emerging Indigenous economy, built around relationships, multigenerational stewardship of resources, and care for all. Highlights include:

- ▶ The ongoing power shift and rise of the modern Indigenous economy
- ▶ Voices of leading Indigenous business leaders
- ▶ The unfolding story in the law courts that is testing Canada's relationship with Indigenous peoples
- ▶ Exposure of the false media narrative of Indigenous dependency
- ▶ A new narrative, rooted in the reality on the ground, that Indigenous peoples are economic powerhouses
- ▶ On-the-ground examples of the emerging Indigenous economy.

Indigenomics calls for a new model of development, one that advances Indigenous self-determination, collective well-being, and reconciliation. This is vital reading for business leaders and entrepreneurs, Indigenous organizations and nations, governments and policymakers, and economists.

THE RISE OF INDIGENOUS ECONOMIC POWER

Deconstructing Indian Act Economics

CAROL ANNE HILTON

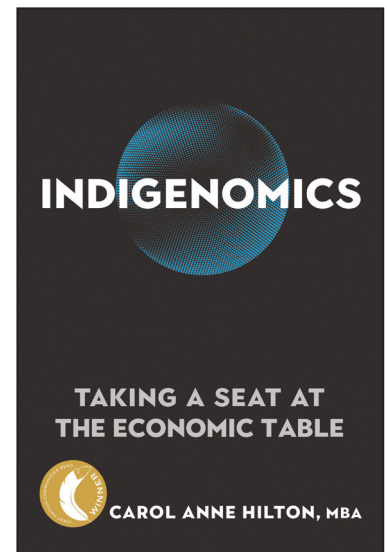
Indigenomics in action—moving beyond Indian Act economics towards Indigenous economic sovereignty

In this groundbreaking work, Carol Anne Hilton, bestselling author of *Indigenomics*, examines the rise of Indigenous economic power and sovereignty — achieved despite profound historic injustices. Canada's Indigenous economy is on track to surpass \$100 billion, yet full participation remains limited due to the colonial and racist foundations of the Indian Act. Hilton unpacks these systemic barriers and charts an ethical path forward grounded in radical inclusion and Indigenomics in action.

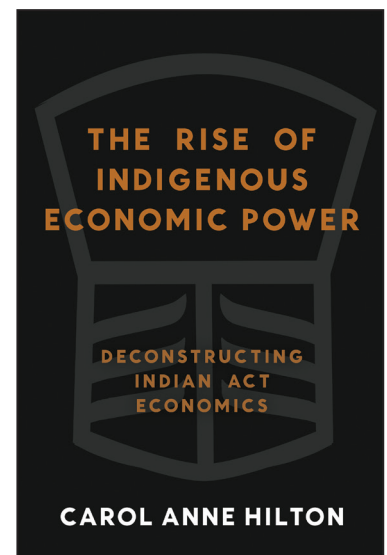
Coverage includes:

- ▶ The wide-ranging social and moral impacts of Indian Act economics — used to legislate away Indigenous rights and jurisdiction with the intent of erasing First Nations
- ▶ The true cost of the status quo, from entrenched inequality and cycles of Indigenous poverty to missed value-creation across Indigenous and settler economies
- ▶ Twenty-five transformative trends driving Indigenous economic growth.

Required reading for Indigenous organizations, Nations, and allies; business leaders and investors; lawyers and policymakers; governments at all levels; and anyone committed to reconciliation, decolonization, and building a just, prosperous, and inclusive society.



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Revolutionary Thinking for a World in Crisis

JOHN FULLERTON

A bold vision of an economy as an intelligent living organism, freed from the mindless finance algorithm, unlocking unseen potential

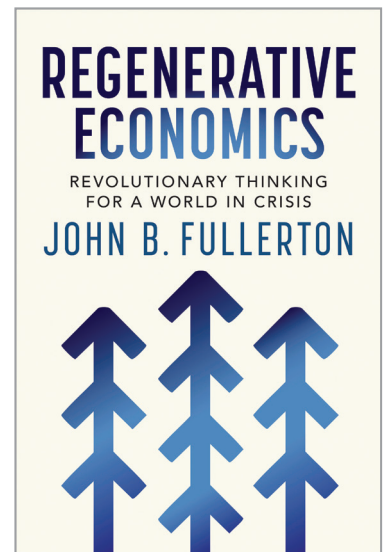
Regenerative Economics is based on the deceptively simple idea that an economic system should emulate the process and patterns that define all life, enabling it to adapt and evolve to higher levels of complexity. This science-based next evolution of economics explains the root cause of the polycrisis — the compounding impacts of climate change, ecosystem and biodiversity loss, planetary systems breakdown, and increasing social and economic inequity — and promises a hopeful pathway forward at this pivotable moment.

Rather than reacting to crisis after crisis, the purpose of a regenerative economy is to create the conditions that nurture and sustain health and all life.

This hard-hitting and scientifically rigorous yet ultimately hopeful book:

- ▶ Identifies the unseen fatal error of our current economic model
- ▶ Outlines a set of key regenerative design principles to navigate the polycrisis
- ▶ Calls for transformative actions and policies that go beyond materialist sustainability frameworks to redefine systemic health and true value within a whole-living-systems approach.
- ▶ Charts a new path through the polycrisis toward an economy centered on human and planetary well-being within ecological limits.

This seminal work is required reading for business, government, and community leaders; economic thinkers; academics; and anyone who questions the future of capitalism given the reality of finite planetary boundaries and growing social injustice.



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DUMMING US DOWN - 25th Anniversary Edition

The Hidden Curriculum of Compulsory Schooling

JOHN TAYLOR GATTO

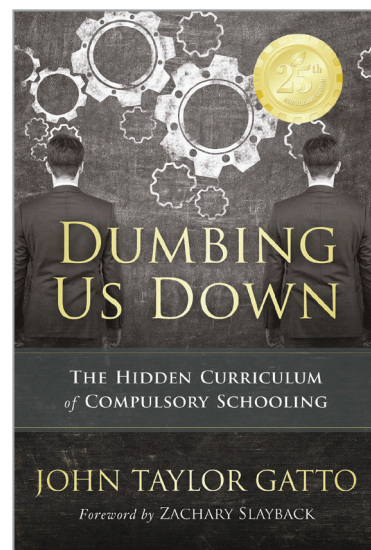
Throw off the shackles of formal schooling and embark upon a rich journey of self-directed, life-long learning

After over 100 years of mandatory schooling in the U.S., literacy rates have dropped, families are fragmented, learning “disabilities” are skyrocketing, and children and youth are increasingly disaffected. Thirty years of teaching in the public school system led John Taylor Gatto to the sad conclusion that compulsory governmental schooling is to blame, accomplishing little but to teach young people to follow orders like cogs in an industrial machine.

He became a fierce advocate of families and young people taking back education and learning, arguing that “genius is as common as dirt,” but that conventional schooling is driving out the natural curiosity and problem-solving skills we’re born with, replacing it with rule-following, fragmented time, and disillusionment.

Gatto’s radical treatise on public education, a bestseller for 25 years, continues to bang the drum for an unshackling of children and learning from formal schooling. Now, in an ever-more-rapidly changing world with an explosion of alternative routes to learning, it’s poised to continue to shake the world of institutional education for many more years.

Featuring a new foreword from Zachary Slayback, an Ivy League dropout and cofounder of tech start-up career foundry Praxis, this 25th anniversary edition will inspire new generations of parents and students to take control of learning and kickstart an empowered society of self-directed lifetime-learners.



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WEAPONS OF MASS INSTRUCTION

A Schoolteacher's Journey Through the Dark World of Compulsory Schooling

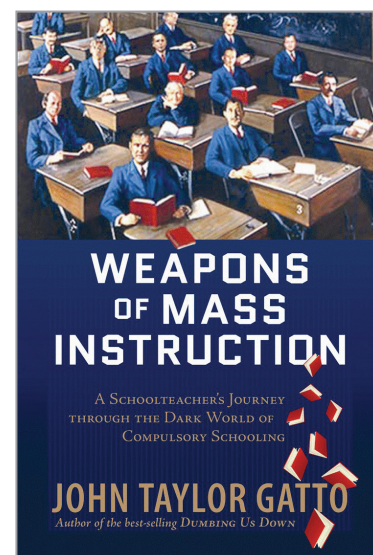
JOHN TAYLOR GATTO

The transformation of schooling from a twelve-year jail sentence to freedom to learn

John Taylor Gatto’s *Weapons of Mass Instruction*, now available in paperback, focuses on mechanisms of traditional education which cripple imagination, discourage critical thinking, and create a false view of learning as a byproduct of rote-memorization drills. Gatto’s earlier book, *Dumbing Us Down*, introduced the now-famous expression of the title into the common vernacular. *Weapons of Mass Instruction* adds another chilling metaphor to the brief against conventional schooling.

Gatto demonstrates that the harm school inflicts is rational and deliberate. The real function of pedagogy, he argues, is to render the common population manageable. To that end, young people must be conditioned to rely upon experts, to remain divided from natural alliances, and to accept disconnections from their own lived experiences. They must at all costs be discouraged from developing self-reliance and independence.

Escaping this trap requires a strategy Gatto calls “open-source learning” which imposes no artificial divisions between learning and life. Through this alternative approach our children can avoid being indoctrinated — only then can they achieve self-knowledge, good judgment, and courage.



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CHILDHOOD UNPLUGGED

Practical Advice to Get Kids Off Screens and Find Balance

KATHERINE JOHNSON MARTINKO

Ditch the devices and bring back the magic of being a kid

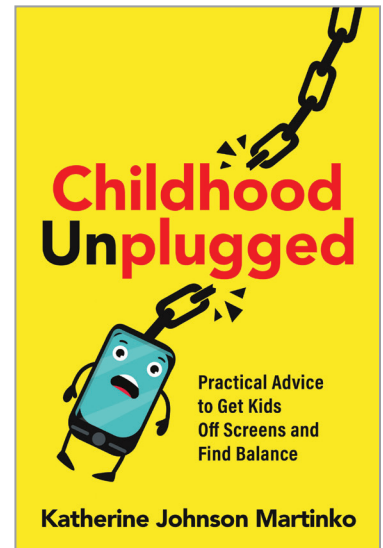
Screens are everywhere. Children spend an average of 7.5 hours on digital devices every day, with profoundly negative consequences. While some tech may “amplify” real-life experience, the vast majority undermines it by limiting physical activity, creating anxiety, or damaging self-esteem. *Childhood Unplugged* takes a bold approach to creating healthy boundaries around the use of digital media.

Drawing on her own family's experience, plus interviews with digital minimalists, educators, and child development experts, Katherine Martinko presents:

- ▶ Meticulously researched analysis of the impacts of excessive screen time on children's physical, neurological, emotional, and social development
- ▶ Specific pathways to reduced screen exposure, naturally leading to more time spent outdoors, increased confidence and empathy, and more creative and active play
- ▶ Inspiration for caregivers overwhelmed by the thought of severing ties with the digital babysitter
- ▶ Age-appropriate advice for parents of babies and toddlers, school-aged children, and adolescents.

Taking a calming, nonjudgmental approach, *Childhood Unplugged* is a lifeline for parents, caregivers, educators, and anyone who questions the role of digital media and yearns for the young people in their life to experience the profound beauty and magic of childhood.

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THE WILD PATH HOME

A Guide to Raising the Earth Stewards of Tomorrow

JACOB RODENBURG and CATHY DUECK

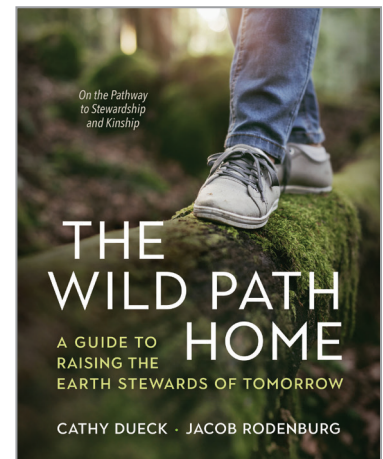
On the pathway to stewardship and kinship—an experiential approach to fostering environmental connection from birth to the teen years

On the path to stewardship and kinship, this experiential guide fosters environmental connection from birth through the teen years. In a technology-saturated world, *The Wild Path Home* draws on science-based research and Indigenous wisdom to offer practical strategies that build respect, reciprocity, and responsibility — empowering young people to become resilient advocates for the planet. Blending creative outdoor learning with supportive mentorship, it provides a flexible framework adaptable to any setting.

Award-winning environmental educators Jacob Rodenburg and Cathy Dueck offer a clear, accessible roadmap that includes:

- ▶ A comprehensive list of key stewardship principles that are both timeless and universal
- ▶ 30 age-appropriate actions (“Landmarks”) to inspire children and youth
- ▶ Climate context, background, and hands-on activities for each action.

From toddlers exploring through their senses to teens leading environmental and social change, this guide supports every stage of development. With a strong emphasis on unstructured outdoor time, *The Wild Path Home* counters the anxiety, depression, and disconnection many young people face today. Required reading for parents, caregivers, educators, and community leaders.



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KIDS THESE DAYS

Understanding and Supporting Youth Mental Health

WILL DOBUD, PhD and NEVIN HARPER, PhD

Discover why most attempts to “fix” teenagers fail and what to do about it

Anxiety, depression, self-harm, substance use disorders, and teen suicide — despite having more counselors, educators, experts, and medications than ever before, today's young people are said to be suffering from a mental health epidemic. Exploring a range of factors contributing to this wicked problem — from social media, overprotection, and environmental toxins to the erosion of connection — *Kids These Days* clearly identifies what works for raising happy and healthy youth, and what does not.

This essential guide is an unflinching examination of the failings of the mental health industry, and a call to action for adults to stand up against interference, harmful interventions, and ideologies negatively impacting our children. Both therapists, parents, and researchers, Will Dobud and Nevin Harper:

- ▶ Engage leading voices in adolescent well-being—mental health professionals and parenting gurus — to discover why most attempts to fix teenagers fail
- ▶ Distill the last twenty years of research and clinical practice to identify the causes and potential cures for the growing youth mental health crisis
- ▶ Show how social connection, mastery, gratitude, and independence promote emotional and psychological resilience in the next generation.

It's time to stop labeling youth and recognize them as the heroes of their own stories. Whether as parents, guardians, therapists, educators, or other role models, we need to build trust and foster relationships while helping the young people in our lives negotiate the adventure of adolescence. Our kids are not broken. What really needs to change is the adults these days.

FEED US WITH TREES

Nuts and the Future of Food

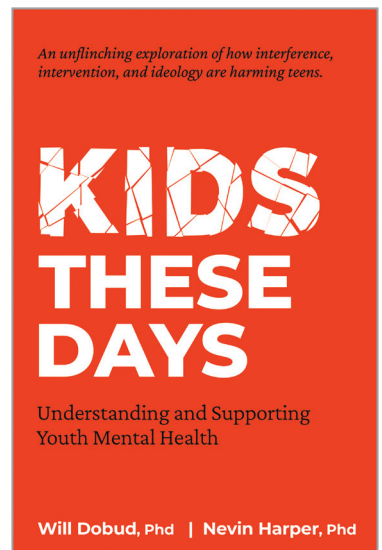
ELSPETH HAY

A new and ancient story about perennial nut trees, our ecological role as humans, and the future of food

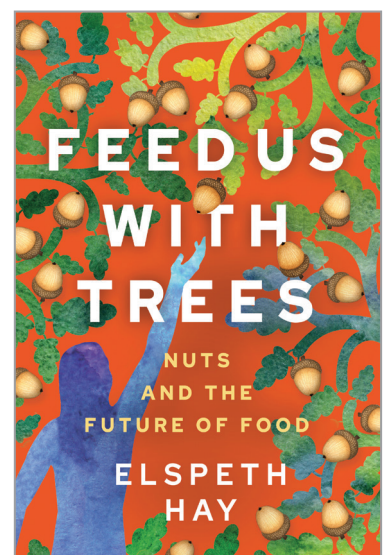
We're thinking about agriculture all wrong. *Feed Us with Trees* breaks down the stories trapping us in today's ruinous food system and destroying our ecological health, and reminds us that all over the Northern Hemisphere, humans used to grow our staple foods on perennial nut trees such as oaks for acorns, chestnuts, and hazelnuts. This fascinating journey is rooted in the startling premise that our ancestors once produced their dietary mainstays — the flours, milks, and cooking oils still essential in today's pantries — by tending food forests or forest gardens.

NPR reporter Elspeth Hay digs deep to expose the dominant narrative that keeps us stuck on industrial monocultures, and pieces together the complex history of how we arrived at today's broken food system. Through interviews with dozens of nut growers, scientists, Indigenous knowledge-keepers, researchers, and food professionals, she shines a light on those working toward a brighter, more abundant future. It's a vision that prioritizes life, redefines wealth, and above all reminds us that as humans, we have a vital role as one of Earth's keystone species.

Hay's hopeful manifesto offers a new way of looking at modern, grain-based, annual agriculture. It will appeal to environmentalists, regenerative farmers, permaculture enthusiasts, agroforesters, locavores, and anyone hungry for a more holistic, nutrient-dense diet rooted in wild foods and ancient knowledge.



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PERMACULTURE FOR THE REST OF US

Abundant Living on Less than an Acre

JENNI BLACKMORE

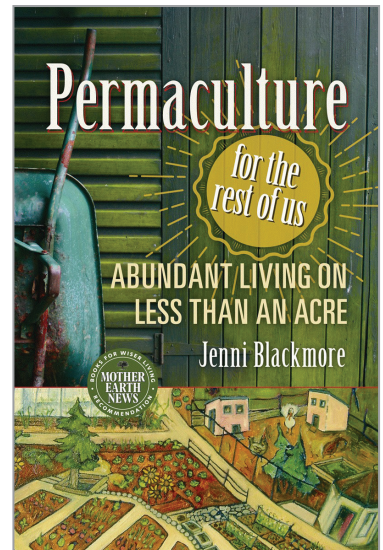
Adventures on the road to real-world self-sufficiency

Many of us want to increase our self-sufficiency, but few have access to the ideal 5 sunny, gently-sloping acres of rich, loamy, well-drained soil. Jenni Blackmore presents a highly entertaining, personal account of how permaculture can be practiced in adverse conditions, allowing anyone to learn to live more sustainably in a less-than-perfect world. With a rallying cry of "If we can do it, you can too," she distills the wisdom of 20 years of trial and error into a valuable teaching tool.

The perfect antidote to dense, high-level technical manuals, *Permaculture for the Rest of Us* presents the fundamental principles of this sometimes confusing concept in a humorous, reader-friendly way. Each chapter focuses on a specific method or technique, interspersing straightforward explanations with the author's own experiences. Learn how to successfully retrofit even the smallest homestead using skills such as:

- ▶ No-till vs. till gardening, composting and soil-building
- ▶ Natural pest control and integrating small livestock
- ▶ Basic greenhouse construction
- ▶ Harvesting, preservation, and more.

Ideal for urban dreamers, suburbanites, and country-dwellers alike, this inspirational and instructional "encouragement manual" is packed with photographs documenting the author's journey from adversity to abundance.



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Gathering Coast Salish Plants for Medicine, Textiles, Nourishment, and Ceremony

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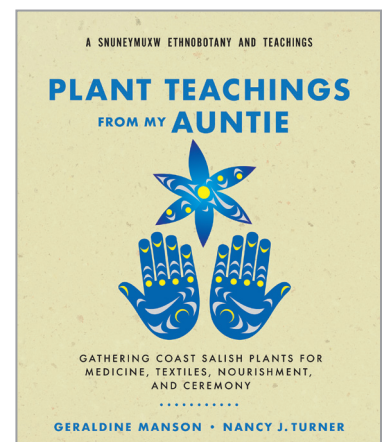
A Snuneymuxw ethnobotany guide grounded in Indigenous knowledge and deep ancestral connection to the land

Plant Teachings from My Auntie: Gathering Coast Salish Plants for Medicine, Textiles, Nourishment, and Ceremony is a richly illustrated compendium of the many culturally significant wild foods and herbal remedies found in the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

Each entry features plant descriptions complete with both their Hul'q'umi'num and botanical names, typical native habitat, and traditional uses. Particular attention is paid to the sacred Western Red Cedar or "tree of life." The book also offers a selection of healing recipes; tips for respectful, sustainable harvesting; ethical and responsible preparation techniques; and a guide to local gathering sites.

Snu'y'ulh refers to teachings handed down through generations. Snuneymuxw Elder and Knowledge Keeper Geraldine Manson, whose traditional name is C'tasi:a, draws on the sacred knowledge passed on to her by her "Auntie Ellen," Dr. Ellen White, also known as Kwulasulwut. Central to these learnings is the fundamental concept or protocol of honoring gifts from the land by gathering and preparing in ways that respect the history, culture, spirituality, and Indigenous knowledge associated with each species.

This powerful work is a rare treasure that will appeal to those seeking to foster greater cultural understanding and ecological responsibility while deepening their commitment to meaningful reconciliation.



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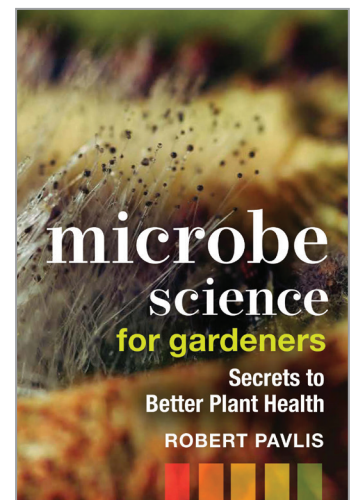
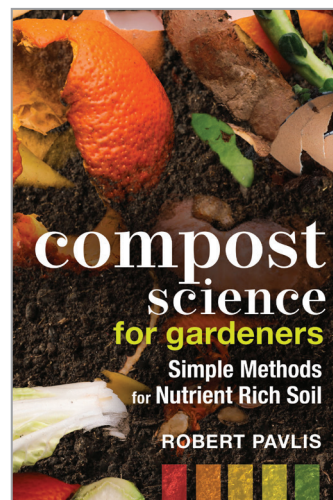
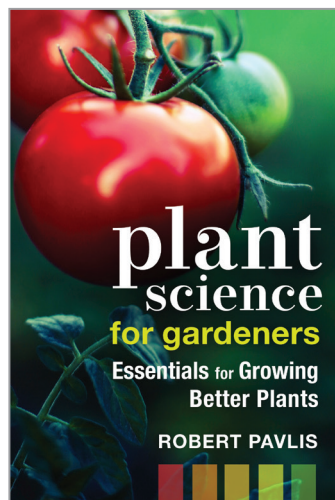
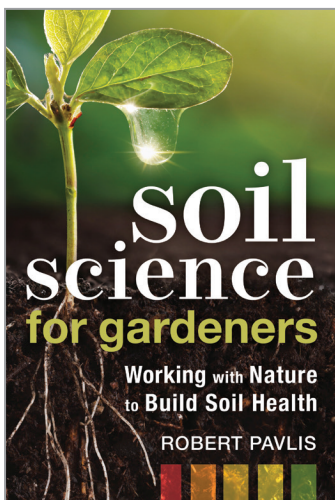
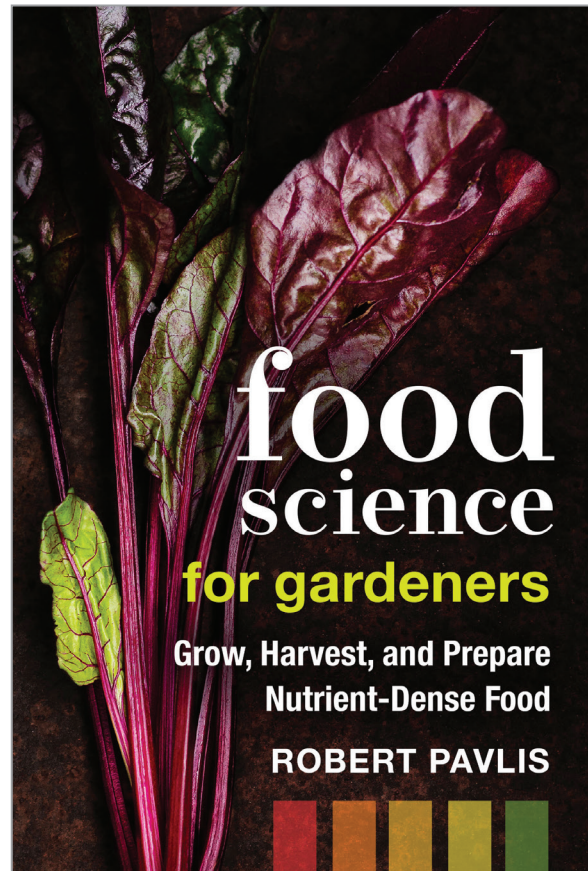
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