

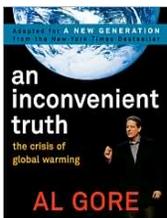
A Consumer's Guide to Making Effective Environmental Choices

by *Brower and Leon*

Practical Advice from the Union of Concerned Scientists

ISBN: 9780609802816 **Publisher:** Three Rivers Press (CA)

Written by the Union of Concerned Scientists, this is a smart and practical book, a clear, practical, and rational overview of the relationship between consumers and the environment. Paper or plastic? Bus or car? Old house or new? Cloth diapers or disposables? Some choices have a huge impact on the environment; others are of negligible importance. To those of us who care about our quality of life and what is happening to the earth, this is a vastly important issue. In these pages, the Union of Concerned Scientists help inform consumers about everyday decisions that significantly affect the environment.

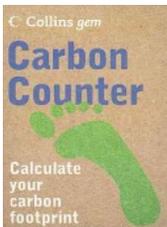


An Inconvenient Truth by *Al Gore*

ISBN-13: 9780670062720 **Publisher:** Penguin Young Readers Group

Former Vice President Al Gore's *New York Times* #1 bestselling book is a daring call to action, exposing the shocking reality of how humankind has aided in the destruction of our planet and the future we face if we do not take action to stop global warming. Now, Viking has adapted this book for the most important audience of all: today's youth, who have no choice but to confront this climate crisis head-on.

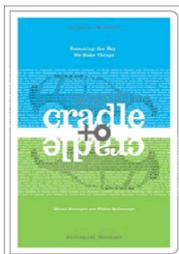
Dramatic full-color photos, illustrations, and graphs combine with Gore's effective and clear writing to explain global warming in very real terms: what it is, what causes it, and what will happen if we continue to ignore it. *An Inconvenient Truth* will change the way young people understand global warming and hopefully inspire them to help change the course of history.



Collins Gem Carbon Counter by Mark Lynas

ISBN: 0007248121 **Publisher:** HarperCollins Publishers Limited (2007)

What effect are you having on the environment? if you buy Kenyan green beans what is the CO2 cost? What about your journey to work, your fridge or your clothes? The Gem Carbon Counter is your portable instant green reckoner. introduction by Mark Lynas author of Hide Tide: News from a Warming World 1) Measure Your own Carbon Footprint covering all aspects of your life from your food shopping to your work, holidays and clothes. Starting with your home gas and electricity supplies and usage, the handy green reckoner takes you through each part of your life and helps you add up the impact you are making on the environment.

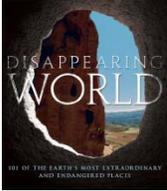


Cradle to Cradle - Remaking the Way We Make Things

by William McDonough and Michael Braungart

ISBN: 9780865475878 **Publisher:** North Point Press

William McDonough's book, written with his colleague, the German chemist Michael Braungart, is a manifesto calling for the transformation of human industry through ecologically intelligent design. Through historical sketches on the roots of the industrial revolution; commentary on science, nature and society; descriptions of key design principles; and compelling examples of innovative products and business strategies already reshaping the marketplace, McDonough and Braungart make the case that an industrial system that "takes, makes and wastes" can become a creator of goods and services that generate ecological, social and economic value.



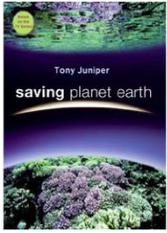
Disappearing World by Alonzo Addison

ISBN-13: 9780061434440 **Publisher:** HarperCollins Publishers

101 of the Earth's Most Extraordinary and Endangered Places

Discover the earth's most amazing places before they disappear completely. Disappearing World will take readers on a remarkable journey to the world's most extraordinary and endangered locations. Since 1972, sites of natural, historic, and cultural significance have

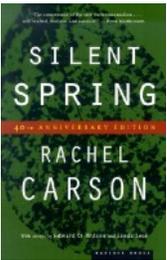
been designated as World Heritage sites by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Institute.



Saving Planet Earth by Tony Juniper

ISBN: 0061544515 **Publisher:** HarperCollins (2007)

The book of the major BBC1 TV series is a wake-up call for every citizen of planet Earth: Now is the time to take action. We must stop our most harmful activities, find alternative methods and resources, and undo as much damage as possible—before it is too late. With compelling evidence and stunning photographs, Tony Juniper explains how the human race is changing (destroying) the planet by endangering species throughout the world, contributing to climate change, and plundering natural resources. But more importantly, this remarkable book also offers practical advice and real solutions to help reverse these dangerous trends.

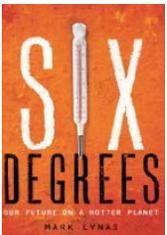


Silent Spring by Rachel Carson

ISBN: 0618249060, 9780618249060 **Publisher:** Houghton Mifflin Books, 2002

Silent Spring alerted a large audience to the environmental and human dangers of indiscriminate use of pesticides, spurring revolutionary changes in the laws affecting our air, land, and water. It became a runaway bestseller, with international reverberations . . . a well crafted, fearless and succinct book. This fortieth anniversary edition celebrates Rachel Carson's watershed book with a new introduction by the author and activist Terry

Tempest Williams and a new afterword by the acclaimed Rachel Carson biographer Linda Lear, who tells the story of Carson's courageous defense of her truths in the face of ruthless assault from the chemical industry in the year following the publication of Silent Spring and before her untimely death in 1964.



Six Degrees: Our Future on a Hotter Planet by Mark Lynas

ISBN: 9780007209057; **ISBN10:** 0007209053 **Publisher:** Harper Collins

Lynas explains: "...most people have [no idea] what two, four or six degrees average warming actually means in reality. These sound like very small changes when the mercury swings by fifteen degrees between day and night ... it doesn't mean the end of the world, it means we can leave the overcoat at home ... But six degrees of global average change is an entirely different prospect. "Consider this: 18,000 years ago, during the

deepest freeze of the last ice age, global temperatures were about six degrees colder than today ... Where I sit writing, in [southern England], would have been just a dozen miles from the southern edge of the ice sheet, a freezing polar desert blasted by dust-laden winds and suffering winter temperatures as low as -40°C."

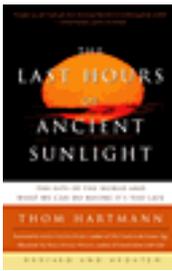
Six Degrees is a handy and pretty heroic summary, in accessible language, of several hundred peer-reviewed scientific papers relevant to rapid climate change. In describing vividly, and in one place, the likely and the possible consequences of our actions, the book helps to concentrate the mind.



The Carbon Neutral Myth - Offset Indulgences for your Climate Sins

Download: carbontradewatch.com

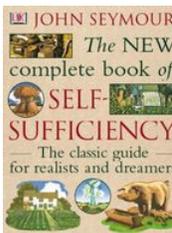
The book clearly outlines the fact that carbon offsets won't be effective for many years into the future whereas the carbon output is happening now! *The Carbon Neutral Myth* maintains that just as the buying of indulgences was a mercantile practice, modern day carbon trading is equally mercantile and just about as effective. It is all just about "buying hot air". In just 80 clearly written pages, Kevin Smith refutes the claims made by carbon trading companies that individuals and companies can easily offset their emissions by paying for trees to be planted (the main method of offsetting) which then supposedly soak up any emissions created, allowing people and corporations to continue polluting with clear consciences.



The Last Hours of Ancient Sunlight

by Thom Hartmann

While it seems that things are collapsing all around us -- and on many fronts they are (global warming, humans messing with genes, virulent diseases, the end of cheap oil, water shortages, global famine, wars, etc.) - it's also possible for us to do something about it and create a world that will work for our children's children. "The Last Hours of Ancient Sunlight" details in three parts the damage being done to our biosphere, the reasons why our culture would inevitably do such damage, and how we can fix the problem.



The New Complete Book of Self-Sufficiency

By John Seymour E. E. Schumacher William Sutherland Deirdre Headon

ISBN 13: 9780751364422 **Publisher:** [Penguin Books Lt](http://PenguinBooksLt)

Packed with comprehensive information on practical details, as well as information on how to create an urban organic garden and harness natural energy, this second edition aims to be a useful handbook for realists and dreamers alike.



The Organic Garden *by Allan Shepherd*

ISBN 13: 9780007290918 **Publisher:** [HarperCollins Publishers](http://HarperCollinsPublishers)

The meaning of 'organic' itself is changing fast, becoming more and more an umbrella term for all things environmental: from ethical consumerism, waste recycling and self-sufficiency to new trends in wildlife-friendly, sustainable and forest gardening. The Garden Organic will show how these popular new areas of green living are relevant to the ordinary gardener and will demonstrate simple, achievable ways in which they can use these ideas to transform the garden.

The Organic Lawn Care Manual *by Paul Tukey*

I am still working through this one but if you are someone who previously used chemical lawn care and you are converting, this is a must have for your shelf. He goes through every kind of problem and weed you could ever have and tells you how to correct it safely. He also talks about how to care for your lawn in general including the proper type of grass to grow for your region.

The Sacred Balance *by David Suzuki*

After seeing Dr. Suzuki in Sarnia and hearing his messages firsthand, I felt compelled to learn more. This book delivered and then some. Not only is it educational and easy to read, I found it very inspiring. After reading his message about reconnecting with nature and understanding our place within it, I couldn't help thinking if that was the basis for all action, if everything we did flowed from that space, if that became our motivation instead of threats, fear, doom and gloom, the world would truly start to make sense again.

501 Science Experiments by Hinkler Books (ISBN# 978-1-7418-1185-8)

This is a hands-on, fun way of teaching a child about nature. The experiments range from very, very simple to more complex and involve astronomy, biology, chemistry, geology, geography, physics and weather. My kids loved it!

The Renewable Energy Handbook by William H. Kemp, 2005

A guide to rural energy independence, off-grid and sustainable living.

Smart Power by William H. Kemp, 2005

An urban guide to renewable energy and efficiency.

The Homeowner's Guide to Renewable Energy by Dan Chiras, 2006

Achieving energy independence from wind, solar, biomass and hydropower.

Handbook of Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy by D. Yogi Goswami, 2007

Natural Home Heating by Greg Pahl, 2003

The complete guide to renewable energy options.

The Natural Step for Communities

James, Sarah & Lahti, Torbjorn. New Society Publishers, 2004

Consumer Guide to Home Energy Savings (9th. Edition)

Amann, Jennifer Thorne, Wilson, Alex, Ackerly, Katie. New Society Publishers, 2007.

We Are the Weather Makers by Tim Flannery

How we are changing the climate and what it means for life on Earth.

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