

Panorama Green Team Recommended Reading

The Panorama Green Team recommends these publications dealing with sustainability issues and other topics of interest. This list is divided into the following sections:

1. Books on the Green Team Book Share Shelf (marked ##)
2. DVDs on the Green Team Book Share Shelf (marked ##)
3. Books in the Panorama Library (marked **)
4. Recommended books that are not on our shelf or in the Library

1. Books on the Green Team Book Share Shelf

Fresh From The Farm: A South Sound Food and Resource Guide. (Community Farm Land Trust, 2022)

Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming by Paul Hawken. Another copy of this book is available in the main library. See below for description. (Penguin Books, 2017)

OverDevelopment, OverPopulation, OverShoot by Tom Butler. The problems facing humanity and nature are exacerbated by a ballooning human population. This book addresses the question of why the demographic explosion and its effects are ignored by policymakers and the media. Note: This is a large, heavy (coffee-table size) book, which is best read in the library. (Goff Books, 2015)

EcoMind: Changing the Way We Think, to Create the World We Want by Frances Moore Lappe. The author argues that the biggest challenge to human survival is our faulty way of thinking about environmental crises.

Hungry for Change: Food, Ethics and Sustainability. (Northwest Earth Institute, 2011)

Choices for Sustainable Living. (Northwest Earth Institute, 2010)

2. DVDs on the Green Team Book Share Shelf

Seed: The Untold Story (2017). This tells the story of passionate seed keepers protecting our 12,000-year-old food legacy.

This Changes Everything (2016), by Naomi Klein. (This is also available in book form in the Panorama Library. See below for details.)

Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret (2016). This documentary presents alarming truths about the effects of animal agriculture on the planet.

The Fox and the Child (Luc Jacquet, 2009). A ten-year-old girl strikes up a friendship with a wild fox. This is a life-affirming story, with astonishing vistas and warm narration by Kate Winslet

3. Books in the main Panorama Library

** *Bashing the Great Green Invaders* – by David H. Milne. This book describes the invasion of Washington's marine waters by introduced giant Atlantic saltmarsh grasses and the decades-long successful State effort to eradicate them. The author, a Panorama resident and retired faculty member from The Evergreen State College, recounts his participation with his students in this contest, focusing on the East Coast *Spartina alterniflora* grass invading Willapa Bay. (Amazon Digital Services LLC – Kdp Print US, 2021)

** *The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming*. David Wallace-Wells. If your anxiety about global warming is dominated by fears of sea-level rise, you are barely scratching the surface of what terrors are possible, including food shortages, refugee emergencies, climate wars and economic devastation. This book is both a travelogue of the near future and a meditation on how that future will look to those living through it. It is also an impassioned call to action. For just as the world was brought to the brink of catastrophe within the span of a lifetime, the responsibility to avoid it now belongs to a single generation—today's. (Tim Duggan Books, 2019)

** *Eager: The Surprising, Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter* by Ben Goldfarb
Winner of the 2019 PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award, this book shows how important beavers and their dams are for biodiversity, ecosystem health and hydrology. (Chelsea Green Publishing, 2018)

** *Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming* by Paul Hawken. A collection of carefully considered techniques and practices that offer a set of realistic and bold solutions to climate change, ranging from clean energy to educating women and girls in lower-income countries to land practices that pull carbon out of the air. . If deployed collectively on a global scale over the next thirty years, they represent a credible path forward, not only to slowing the Earth's warming, but to eventually drawdown greenhouse gases out of the atmosphere. These measures give us every reason to see our planetary crisis as an opportunity to create a just and livable world. Note: An additional copy of Drawdown is available on the Green Team Book Share Shelf. (Penguin Books, 2017)

** *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. Geobiologist Hope Jahren has spent her life studying trees, flowers, seeds, and soil. Lab Girl is her revelatory treatise on plant life—but it is also a celebration of the lifelong curiosity, humility, and passion that drive every scientist. (Vintage, reprint edition 2017)

** *The Great Transition: Shifting From Fossil Fuels to Solar and Wind Energy*, by Lester R. Brown et. al.

This short book (only 178 pages) is very informative and contains hopeful news about the transition already under way. (W. W. Norton & Company, 2015)

** *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate* by Naomi Klein. Naomi Klein argues that climate change isn't just another issue to be neatly filed between taxes and health care. It's an alarm that calls us to fix an economic system that is already failing us in many ways.

(Simon & Schuster; Reprint edition August 4, 2015)

** *The Future: Six Drivers of Global Change* by Al Gore. (Random House, 2013)

4. Recommended books that are not in the Panorama Library or on the Book Share Shelf

Water Always Wins: Thriving in an Age of Drought and Deluge by Erica Gies. A fascinating examination of the consequences of our attempts to control water in an age of climate instability. (University of Chicago Press, 2022)

The New Climate War: The Fight to Take Back Our Planet by Michael E. Mann (PublicAffairs, 2021)

The Arbornaut: A Life Discovering the Eighth Continent in the Trees Above Us. Meg Lowman, with Foreword and contributions by Sylvia A. Earle. Nicknamed the "Real-Life Lorax" by National Geographic, the biologist, botanist, and conservationist Meg Lowman — aka "CanopyMeg" — takes us on an adventure into the "eighth continent" of the world's treetops, along her journey as a tree scientist, and into climate action. (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2021)

The Collapse of Western Civilization: A View from the Future by Naomi Oreskes and Erik M. Conway (Columbia University Press, 2014)

Countdown: Our Last, Best Hope for a Future on Earth by Alan Weisman
In a context of growing world population, families and individuals all over the globe make important, sometimes difficult reproduction choices, offering both worst-case scenarios and the most hopeful futures ever imagined. (Little, Brown, and Company, 2013)

Active Hope: How To Face The Mess We're In Without Going Crazy by Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone.

It is because we do not know whether our species will survive that we keep on acting, creating, and doing our very best to preserve our beloved planet. From deep in our own hearts, we can know what we really want to happen, and we can set our intention to act (each in our own ways) toward that happening. Then our

own intention is both our guide and our continuing motivation. We do not have to know the outcome of our efforts in order to keep working toward them. (New World Library, 2012)

The End of Growth: Adapting to Our New Economic Reality by Richard Heinberg. Although population, economic, financial, and resource growth cannot continue indefinitely on a finite planet, communities and families can build a new economy that operates within Earth's budget of energy and resources. (New Society Publishers, 2011)

Our Choice: A Plan to Solve the Climate Crisis by Al Gore. (Rodale Press, 2009)

Held in Love: Life Stories To Inspire Us Through Times of Change by Molly Young Brown and Carolyn Wilbur Treadway.

Green Team member Carolyn Treadway is co-editor, an author, and main photographer of this book, which is a moving collection of stories, poems, and artwork from 72 writers and artists who share experiences of connection with a loving Source within and beyond themselves. These writings and images offer examples of the ways Love can guide and sustain us through the challenges of The Great Turning. (Psychosynthesis Press, 2009)

Blessed Unrest: How the Largest Movement in the World Came Into Being and Why No One Saw It Coming by Paul Hawken

This author researched groups across the world that are acting for the preservation and restoration of our Earth. He found literally millions of small groups or organizations worldwide that are dedicated to change. The Panorama Green Team is one such group. Even knowing all these groups exist can inspire ordinary people like us. (Viking Press, 2007)

Peak Everything: Waking Up to the Century of Declines by Richard Heinberg. (New Society Publishers, 2007)

The Great Turning: From Empire to Earth Community by David C. Korten (BK Publishers, 2006)

Earth Prayers From Around the World: 365 Prayers, Poems, and Invocations for Honoring the Earth by Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon, editors.

A lovely compendium dedicated to "May the Earth always speak to your spirit." (Harper San Francisco 1991)

Silent Spring. Rachel Carson. This book 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. "Silent Spring became a runaway bestseller, with international reverberations . . . [It is] well crafted, fearless and succinct . . . Even if she had not inspired a generation of activists, Carson would prevail as one of the greatest nature writers in American

letters." (Peter Matthiessen, for Time's 100 Most Influential People of the Century). (First published by Houghton Mifflin, 1962; Fortieth Anniversary Edition Mariner Books, 2002, plus other editions)

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