

## Mountaineers: Snoqualmie Foothills Branch

### 2005: SUGGESTED READING LIST

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Format	Grouping	Category	Title	Author	Description ( * provided courtesy of Barnes & Noble)
Book	Novels and Narratives	General Fiction	Brave New World	Aldous Huxley, 1931	Huxley's vision of the future in his astonishing 1931 novel Brave New World -- a world of tomorrow in which capitalist civilization has been reconstituted through the most efficient scientific and psychological engineering, where the people are genetically designed to be passive, consistently useful to the ruling class. Huxley's visionary novel of social engineering postulates a future world in which for the sake of social stability drugs and sex and mindlessness replace truth and beauty. It became a classic almost from its publication.*
Book	Novels and Narratives	General Fiction	A Civil Action	Jonathan Harr	The lawyer had not wanted the case at first -- it was too big, too complicated, too risky. It concerned a cluster of childhood leukemia victims in a small town north of Boston where the city wells had been poisoned by industrial chemicals. In this book, you'll meet the Harvard Law professor who told the lawyer that this case was worth a billion dollars, that it was the sort of lawsuit that would ring the alarm in corporate boardrooms across America. The case turned into an epic struggle that took nine years of the lawyer's life.*
Book	Novels and Narratives	General Fiction	Ishmael	Daniel Quinn	The unnamed narrator is a disillusioned modern writer who answers a personal ad and thereby meets a wise, learned gorilla named Ishmael that can communicate telepathically. The bulk of the book consists entirely of philosophical dialogues between gorilla and man, on the model of Plato's Republic. Through Ishmael, Quinn offers a wide-ranging if highly general examination of the history of our civilization, illuminating the assumptions and philosophies at the heart of many global problems.*

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Book	Novels and Narratives	General Fiction	The Story of B: An Adventure of the Mind and Spirit	Daniel Quinn	Father Osborne is bound by a covert centuries-old mandate held by his religious order: to know before all others that the Antichrist is among us - and to try to suppress and destroy him. Every fifty years or so, a new candidate emerges and is investigated, despite the fact that they've always proved to be harmless - until now. The target of Osborne's investigation is an American known to his followers only as B. He isn't teaching meditation or goddess worship, faith healing or New Age spiritualism. Instead he is quietly uncovering the hidden history of our planet, redefining the fall of man, and retracing a path of human spirituality that extends millions of years into the past. Pressed by his superiors for a judgment, Osborne is driven to penetrate B's inner circle.*
Book	Novels and Narratives	Historical Stories	Beyond the Hundredth Meridian: John Wesley Powell and the Second Opening of the West	Wallace Stegner, 1982	A fascinating look at the Old American West and the man who prophetically warned against the ecologic and economic dangers of settling it.*
Book	Novels and Narratives	Historical Stories	Ceremony	Leslie Marmon Silko, 1977	Tayo, a young Native American, has been a prisoner of the Japanese during World War II, and the horrors of captivity have almost eroded his will to survive. His return to the Laguna Pueblo reservation only increases his feeling of estrangement and alienation. While other returning soldiers find easy refuge in alcohol and senseless violence, Tayo searches for another kind of comfort and resolution. Tayo's quest leads him back to the Indian past and its traditions, to beliefs about witchcraft and evil, and to the ancient stories of his people. The search itself becomes a ritual, a curative ceremony that defeats the most virulent of afflictions -- despair.*

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Book	Novels and Narratives	Historical Stories	Desert Solitaire	Edward Abbey, 1968	Rude and sensitive. Thought-provoking and mystical. Angry and loving. Both Abbey and this book are all of these and more. Here he vividly captures the essence of his life during three seasons as a park ranger in southeastern Utah. This is a rare view of a quest to experience nature in its purest form - the silence, the struggle, the overwhelming beauty. But this is also the gripping, anguished cry of a man of character who challenges the growing exploitation of the wilderness by oil and mining interests, as well as by the tourist industry. Abbey's observations and challenges remain as relevant now as the day he wrote them.*
Book	Novels and Narratives	Historical Stories	The Exploration of the Colorado River and It's Canyons	John Wesley Powell, 1869	Powell's 1,000-mile expedition down the fabled Colorado in 1869. Superb account of terrain, geology, vegetation, Indians, famine, mutiny, treacherous rapids, mighty canyons, during exploration of last unknown part of continental U.S.*
Book	Novels and Narratives	Historical Stories	A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains	Isabella Bird, 1888	The daughter of an English clergyman, Bird was on her way back from Hawaii, which she had spent nearly a year exploring on horseback, when she decided to stop off to investigate the Wild West. Having suffered from ill health as a child, Bird therefore threw herself into a life of open air and exercise as a means of recovery. The book is told through letters the intrepid author wrote to her sister regarding this equestrian sojourn during which she explored the magnificent unspoiled wilderness of Colorado, ascended the highest mountains, observed the abundant wildlife, and observed life on the remote frontier in all its phases.*
Book	Novels and Narratives	Historical Stories	Land of Little Rain	Mary Hunter Austin, 1903	Beautiful, poetic study of the Southwestern desert. Fourteen sketches describe plants, animals, mountains, birds, skies, Indians, prospectors, towns, other features in serene, beautifully modulated prose. Desert seen as a place of rare, austere beauty that weaves a lasting spell over its inhabitants.*

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Book	Novels and Narratives	Historical Stories	Never Turn Back: The Life of Whitewater Pioneer Walt Blackadar	Ron Watters	Blackadar survived his frightening run through Turnback Canyon, and in doing so, he became whitewater sport's most famous figure. His extraordinary journey down the Asek is only one part of the story. He was a doctor. Trained at Dartmouth and Columbia, he moved west to a small town in Idaho to be near good fishing and hunting. But in time, the wilderness around him shrank in size and the once great salmon runs dwindled. Alarmed, he began to speak out for the protection of rivers and wild lands and took increasingly unpopular stands in a community whose economy was tied closely to resource extraction.*
Book	Novels and Narratives	Historical Stories	Stickeen	John Muir, 1909	World-famous naturalist John Muir recounts how he and a dog named Stickeen struggled to cross an Alaskan glacier during an ice storm. An exhilarating story that has become an American classic.*

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Book	Novels and Narratives	Modern Stories	Arctic Dreams	Barry Lopez, 1986	Arctic Dreams is an unforgettable study of the Far North, the marvelous and mysterious land of stunted forests and frozen seas, of muskox and narwhal, where sunrise and dusk are seasonal rather than daily phenomena. Lopez offers a thorough examination of this obscure world -- its terrain, its wildlife, and the history of the Eskimo natives and intrepid explorers who have arrived on its icy shores. What turns this inimitable compendium of biology, anthropology, and history into a breathtaking study of profound originality is Lopez's unique meditation on how the landscape can shape our imagination, desires, and dreams.*
Book	Novels and Narratives	Modern Stories	Desert Sojourn: A Woman's Forty Days and Nights Alone	Debi Holmes-Binney	Drawn to the desert by her need to put her life together in peace and quiet, Debi Holmes-Binney packed some supplies and pitched her tent in a remote canyon in the Great Salt Lake Desert. Holmes-Binney's idea of tranquillity was short-lived, however, due to pounding rain, howling wind, furious blizzards, and irritating rodent life. Her journal of the experience is an inspiring addition to the male-dominated genre of wilderness writing.*
Book	Novels and Narratives	Modern Stories	Refuge	Terry Tempest Williams, 1991	As Utah-born naturalist Terry Tempest Williams records the simultaneous tragedies of her mother's death of cancer and the flooding of the Bear River Migratory Bird Sanctuary, she creates a document of renewal and spiritual grace destined to become a classic in the literature of nature, women, and grieving.*
Book	Novels and Narratives	Modern Stories	Wintergreen: Rambles in a Ravaged Land	Robert Michael Pyle	As logging continues to rule the rural Northwest, Wintergreen's message is more important than ever. Set in the Willapa Hills of southwest Washington, both people and forest are threatened with extinction.*
Book	Novels and Narratives	Activism Stories	Eco-Heroes, Twelve Tales of Environmental Victory	Aubrey Wallace	Wallace profiles 12 activists from around the world who prove that environmental victories are possible; that they begin within us and can happen in our own backyards.*

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Book	Novels and Narratives	Activism Stories	Last Chance to See	Douglas Adams	The BBC asked this team to film some of the most endangered animal species throughout the world. Adams has recorded their adventures seeking the komodo dragon, northern white rhinoceros, mountain gorilla, kakapo, baiji dolphin, and the rodrigues fruit bat.*
Book	Novels and Narratives	Activism Stories	The Riverkeepers: Two Activists Fight to Reclaim Our Environment as a Basic Human Right	John Cronin and Robert F. Kennedy Jr.	The Riverkeepers is an impassioned firsthand account by two advocates who have taken on powerful corporate and government polluters to win back the river they love. They vividly recount the hands-on investigations, the groundbreaking court battles, and the courageous local heroes that characterize their mission to bring to justice some of the world's most powerful institutions. Interweaving the personal, philosophical, and political.*

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Book	Novels and Narratives	Activism Stories	Women Pioneers for the Environment	Mary Joy Breton	Mary Joy Breton provides absorbing sketches of more than forty women activists in the Americas, Eastern and Western Europe, Africa, and Asia, recounting the special ways in which each stepped out of her traditional role and dedicated her life to saving the planet. Breton interweaves her accounts with narrative on the ecological hazards that drove these women to spearhead various environmental campaigns, examining why and how they challenged, and often defeated, the power structures of government and industry. Their courageous efforts illuminate the crucial role of women in the environmental movement and provide inspiration for a new generation of activists.*
Book	Pacific Northwest Information	Weather	Rains all the Time	Laskin	
Book	Pacific Northwest Information	Geography	Snoqualmie Pass	Yvonne Prater	
Book	Pacific Northwest Information	Peoples	Native Peoples of the Northwest	Halliday and Chehak	Since the first edition of Native People of the Northwest was published in 1996, awareness of and interest in Native tourism has increased steadily. Now an expanded and updated edition of this classic guide is available, with stunning color photographs of work by contemporary Northwest Native artists. Native Peoples of the Northwest is still the only guide that introduces readers to contemporary Northwest Native cultures with detailed information on performances, tours, events, art galleries, and more.
Book	Pacific Northwest Information	Peoples	Indian Legends of Pacific Northwest	Clark	This collection of more than one hundred tribal tales, culled from the oral tradition of the Indians of Washington and Oregon, presents the Indians' own stories, told for generations around their fires, of the mountains, lakes, and rivers, and of the creation of the world and the heavens above. Each group of stories is prefaced by a brief factual account of Indian beliefs and of storytelling customs. Indian Legends of the Pacific Northwest is a treasure, still in print after fifty years.

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Book	Pacific Northwest Information	Forests	Champion Trees of Washington State	Van Pelt	<p>A champion tree - the largest known example of its kind - represents the maximum growth of a species. The Washington State Big Tree Program has registered 1,350 trees, belonging to 869 species or cultivated varieties, that are the largest of their kind in the state. Champion Trees of Washington State documents these trees. Among them are 45 trees acknowledged by the American Forestry Association's National Big Tree Register to be the largest known examples of their kind in the United States. Sections on native and introduced trees provide the general and scientific name, circumference, height, crown spread, and AFA points (a combination of circumference, height, and crown spread), date measured, location (including street address, when relevant), and nominator's name for each champion tree. Photographs of 90 trees are included. A discussion of tree measurements explains how to measure and nominate a tree, and a list of former record trees documents trees that would be current champions had they not died or been cut. Indexes include general and scientific tree names and names of cities in which champion trees are located.</p>

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Book	Pacific Northwest Information	Forests	Forest Giants of the Pacific Coast	Van Pelt	"The forests of the Pacific Coast are the tallest and most dense on earth. Even after a century of intensive exploitation, their trees remain unmatched in overall size, height, and age. Forest Giants of the Pacific Coast is a guide to the 20 largest species of conifers in North America - from the southern Sierras to Vancouver Island, and from the coast to northwestern Montana." Giant trees are those with the greatest wood volume. From the ponderosa pine "Bear Creek Twin" to the coast Douglas fir "Ol'Jed," from giant sequoias to western red cedars, the trees are depicted as individuals. All are unique specimens that represent the extremes to which their species can grow. To seek out giants and their neighboring contenders, Robert Van Pelt has traveled the length and breadth of the Pacific Coast and its forests, equipped with a camera, a sketchpad, and a survey laser, amassing a database of over 5,000 individual trees.
Book	Natural World	Forests	Remarkable Trees	Pakenham	The Spirit of nineteenth-century exploration lives in British historian Thomas Pakenham, who has spent the last decade investigating the lives of the world's most dramatic trees, many of which are in danger of destruction. After the worldwide success of his previous work, Meetings with Remarkable Trees -- a stunning collection of 60 individual trees (and groups of trees) in Britain and Ireland chosen for their unusually strong personalities -- Pakenham decided to
Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	Measure of a Mountain	Bruce Barcott	Mount Rainier is the largest and most dangerous volcano in the country, both an awesome natural monument and a formidable presence of peril. In The Measure of a Mountain, Barcott sets out to grasp the spirit of Rainier through a journey along its massive flanks. From forest to precipice, thinning air to fractured glaciers, he explores not only the physique of Rainier but the psychology and meaning of all

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Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	The Art of Commonplace: Agrarian Essays of Wendell Berry	Wendell Berry	The Art of the Commonplace gathers twenty-one essays by Wendell Berry that offer an agrarian alternative to our dominant urban culture. These essays promote a clearly defined and compelling vision important to all people dissatisfied with the stress, anxiety, disease, and destructiveness of contemporary American culture. Through his staunch support of local economies, his defense of farming communities, and his call for family integrity, Berry emerges as the champion of priorities that serve the health, vitality, and happiness of the whole community of creation.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	Song for the Blue Ocean	Carl Safina	Part odyssey, part pilgrimage, this epic personal narrative follows the author's exploration of coasts, islands, reefs, and the sea's abyssal depths. Scientist and fisherman Carl Safina takes readers on a global journey of discovery, probing for truth about the world's changing seas, deftly weaving adventure, science, and political analysis.
Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	The Beluga Café	Jim Nollman	Animal communication expert Jim Nollman has sung with orcas, plucked a Jew's harp in waters teeming with humpback whales, and shaken rattles in the company of bottlenose dolphins. Now, in this heartfelt and quirky true adventure story, Nollman and two artist friends set out for Canada's vast Mackenzie Delta, electric guitar and underwater sound equipment in tow, to make music with belugas—the elusive white whales of the Arctic.

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Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	Listening to Whales	Alexandra Morton	"For the past twenty-five years, Alexandra Morton has been at the forefront of whale and dolphin research, dedicating her life to the study of orcas (also known as killer whales). Now in Listening to Whales, Morton shares the story of her career, her adventures in the wilderness, the heartbreak she has endured, and the rewards of living her life on her own terms." "Born into an artistic family in Connecticut, Morton experienced a seismic jolt when at age twelve she first read the work of primatologist Dr. Jane Goodall and knew she wanted to study wild animals. Soon afterward, listening for the first time to orcas communicating with each other, she knew she had found her lifework. In the late 1970s, while working at California's Marineland, Alexandra pioneered the recording of whale sounds by dropping a hydrophone into the tank of two killer whales. She recorded the varied language of mating, childbirth, and even grief after the birth of a stillborn calf. At the same time she made the startling observation that the whales were inventing and perfecting wonderful synchronized movements, a behavior that was soon
Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	The Book of Yaak	Rick Bass	The Yaak Valley of northwestern Montana is one of the last great wild places in the United States, a land of black bears and grizzlies, wolves and coyotes, bald and golden eagles, wolverine, lynx, marten, fisher, elk, and even a handful of humans. In Winter, Bass portrayed the wonder of living in the valley. In The Book of Yaak he captures the soul of the valley itself, and he explains how, if places like the Yaak are lost, so too will be the human riches of mystery and imagination.*

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Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	Chronicling the West: Thirty Years of Environmental Writing	Michael Frome, 1996	During his mid-60s tenure as conservation columnist for Field & Stream magazine, Frome wrote firsthand of Washington's environmental shell games. The authors offer their experiences in developing community organization in London and Cape town (along with many newspaper article reprints) as the foundation for understanding community empowerment, policing initiatives, and also some of the barriers to implementation.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	Confessions of an Eco-Warrior	Dave Foreman	Foreman, founder of the controversial environmental group EarthFirst!, here reflects on his involvement with EarthFirst! and why he left the group last year. He also discusses his environmental philosophy and outlines a plan to change the National Wilderness Preservation System. While believing passionately in the idea that the Earth, not humanity, is the most important reason for conservation, he offers reassessments of some of the group's more notorious methods. This is environmental philosophy at its finest and should be read by everyone who cares about the future of the planet.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	Impressions of the North Cascades: Essays about a Northwest Landscape	John Miles, 1996 ed	Washington State's North Cascades boasts some of the most magnificent terrain found in the United States, with its rushing waterfalls, crystal clear alpine lakes, rugged rock faces, and massive glaciers. For many, the North Cascades epitomizes the beauty, wilderness, and history that is the Pacific Northwest. Impressions of the North Cascades offers personal reflections about the landscape from sixteen contributors; each provides a unique and complex view of the mountain range.*

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Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	My Story as Told by Water	David James Duncan	Duncan blends his contemplative and activist voices to explore the rivers that touch his life and to defend the sacred cultures and fauna that living waters sustain. He dissects destructive environmental and industrial policies, looking at bankrupted fishing towns and the fight to save wild salmon, and ponders wading as pilgrimage, industrial creeks as blues tunes, and rivers as prayer wheels.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	Natural Grace: The Charm, Wonder and Lessons of the Pacific Northwest Animals and Plants	Bill Deitrich	From the interactive clockwork world of geology, tides, Northwest weather, and snow, to the hidden roles of dirt, stream life, and mosses and lichens, Pulitzer Prize winning writer William Dietrich explores the natural splendors of the Pacific Northwest. This informative and engaging selection of natural history essays is adapted from articles published in the Seattle Times magazine, Pacific Northwest. A native Washingtonian, Dietrich has watched the Northwest double in population during his lifetime. Our rapidly changing view of nature is an underlying theme throughout his wide-ranging essays, as is the timely and essential question of how best to share and conserve the natural world that drew us to the region in the first place.*

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Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	Northwest Lands, Northwest Peoples: Readings in Environmental History	Dale Goble and Paul Hirt, eds.	These 24 essays, drawn from a symposium on Northwest environmental history held in Pullman, WA, in August 1996, address questions of how humans have adapted to and modified the environment of the Pacific Northwest. The interdisciplinary essays are divided in six sections introduced by a brief synopsis, which summarizes the authors' main points and places them in the context of the Pacific Northwest's bioregional history. The multiple points of view provoke questions and analytical thinking.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	Public Lands, Public Heritage: The National Forest Idea	Alfred Runte	A celebration of the "national forest idea" over the hundred years since the Forest Reserve Act of 1891 permitted the proclamation of forest "reserves" on US public lands. In addition to a retrospective essay by historian Runte, the volume contains an outstanding selection of photographs, paintings, and poster art.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	The Roadless Yaak	Rick Bass	Thirty-six of the nation's finest writers, philosophers, and scientists join in testimony with local loggers, hunters, and anglers to speak on behalf of one of the wildest and most diverse landscapes in the Lower 48, the Yaak Valley of northwest Montana. Essays on art, community, hunting and fishing, sustainable logging, wildlife and wilderness, all specific to the valley, form a mosaic of voices whose one intent becomes clear: protect the last fifteen little roadless areas on the public wildlands in the Yaak, while these areas still remain wild and roadless.*

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Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	His Life and Letters	John Muir	John Muir: His Life And Letters And Other Writings is a new omnibus that provides an opportunity to bring together three of John Muir's (1838-1913) lesser-known books: "The Cruise of the Corwin" which describes the search for the Ship "Jeanette" which was lost in Alaskan waters in 1876; "Stickeen", an affectionate portrait of a friend's dog that accompanied Muir on a glacier exploration; and "Edward Henry Harriman", a tribute to a railroad magnate who was Muir's unlikely ally in conservation politics. Also included are a number of Muir's lesser-known pamphlets and essays including "Picturesque California"; "Treasures and Features of the Proposed Yosemite National Park"; and a series of previously uncollected letters concerning Muir's return to Scotland in 1883, and some rare scientific papers and essays. Still another item is Samuel Hall Young's 1915 book, "Alaska Days with John Muir" which provides a gripping account of some of Muir's bold escapades in later life. John Muir: His Life And Letters And Other Writings ends with a series of assessments on Muir's contributions, written after his
Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	Eight Wilderness Books	John Muir	Muir (1838-1914) was the first person to promote the idea of National Parks and was also the founder of the Sierra Club. A prolific writer and polemicist for the protection of wilderness, he published eight influential books which are collected here, arranged in their natural order (in terms of Muir's life). The introduction is by Terry Gifford. Annotation c. Book News, Inc., Portland, OR (booknews.com)
Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	The Singing Wilderness	Sigurd Olson, 1956	"Olson's insights, sharpened by his knowledge of the natural world and warmed by his passion for the outdoors, challenge the reader to participate in each fulfilling moment. As meaningful today as it was when he wrote it, The Singing Wilderness is an essential antidote to the trials of modern life." ( <a href="http://www.upress.umn.edu/Books/O/Olson_singing.html">http://www.upress.umn.edu/Books/O/Olson_singing.html</a> )

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Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	The Solace of Open Spaces	Gretel Ehrlich, 1985	A stunning collection of personal observations that uses images of the American West to probe larger concerns in lyrical, evocative prose that is a true celebration of the region. Ehrlich writes with sensitivity and affection about people, the seasons and the landscape. Whether she is enjoying solitude or companionship, her writing evokes the romance and timelessness of the West.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	To Save the Wild Earth: Field Notes from the Environmental Frontline	Ric Careless, 1997	Essays from a leader of the British Columbian environmental preservation movement. A blend of wilderness writing, natural history, and political memoir. To Save the Wild Earth is one man's firsthand experience of how countless people have come together again and again to save nature.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	Uncommon Ground - Rethinking the Human Place in Nature	William Cronon, ed	"This volume of essays critically examines the concept of wilderness, nature, and humanity's role in the modern world. Though the individual essays are somewhat uneven, the main theme of the book is clearly communicated, especially in Cronon's introductory piece. That is, that the concept of wilderness needs careful rethinking, particularly with our world nearing 10 billion persons." ( <a href="http://www.outdoorshub.com/Uncommon_Ground_Rethinking_the_Human_Place_in_Nature_0393315118.html">http://www.outdoorshub.com/Uncommon_Ground_Rethinking_the_Human_Place_in_Nature_0393315118.html</a> )
Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	Walking the High Ridge: Life as a Field Trip	Robert Michael Pyle	For Robert Michael Pyle, "walking the high ridge" is a way of life both figuratively and literally. In his latest book he describes in compelling detail his efforts to live and work in that special natural space Nabokov described as "a high ridge where the mountainside of scientific knowledge joins the opposite slope of artistic imagination."*

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Book	Essays and Meditations	General Essays / Meditations	Wild Echoes: Encounters with the Most Endangered Animals in North America	Charles Bergman, 1990	This is a very personal, affecting account of one man's endeavor to come to grips with the fact that humans in the 20th century are causing animal extinctions at an unprecedented rate. Bergman, professor of English at Pacific Lutheran University in Washington, goes into the wild to observe some of our most endangered species, and he also studies the men and women working to preserve them. He reflects on what it means to live in an era when humans so completely dominate other species that even the people who try to stop destruction have to manipulate animal lives to such an extent that they are no longer truly wild.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	Evaluating Human Role in Nature	Beyond Civilization: Humanity's Next Great Adventure	Daniel Quinn	Many other peoples have built civilizations - and then walked away from them. Quinn examines the Maya, the Olmec, the people of Teotihuacan, and others, who did just that. But they all walked away moving backward - to an earlier lifestyle. Quinn's goal in this book is to show how we can walk away moving forward, to a new lifestyle, one which encourages diversity instead of suppressing it. Not a "New World Order," but rather a New Personal Order. Not legislative change at the governmental level, but rather incremental change at the human level.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	Evaluating Human Role in Nature	In Search of Nature	Edward O. Wilson	Perhaps more than any other scientist of our century, Edward O. Wilson has scrutinized animals in their natural settings, tweezing out the dynamics of their social organization, their relationship with their environments, and their behavior, not only for what it tell us about the animals themselves, but for what it can tell us about human nature and our own behavior.*

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Book	Essays and Meditations	Evaluating Human Role in Nature	On Human Nature	Edward O. Wilson	A work of high intellectual daring...Here is an accomplished biologist explaining, in notably clear and unprevaricating language, what he thinks his subject now has to offer to the understanding of man and society.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	Evaluating Human Role in Nature	Pilgrim at Tinker Creek	Annie Dillard, 1974	A personal narrative of one year spent exploring the natural wonders, curiosities, frights and revelations experienced by naturalist Annie Dillard in her own backyard. The Pulitzer Prize-winning Pilgrim at Tinker Creek is a series of interconnected essays which challenge the listener to contemplate the natural world beyond its commonplace surfaces.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	Evaluating Human Role in Nature	The Sacred Balance: Rediscovering Our Place in Nature	David Suzuki and Amanda McConnel, 1999	This powerful, deeply felt book gives concrete suggestions for how we can meet our basic needs and create a way of life that is ecologically sustainable, fulfilling and just. It offers the seeds of a new direction for us all, one in which we can rediscover our place in nature and live in balance with our surroundings.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	Evaluating Human Role in Nature	A Sand County Almanac	Aldo Leopold, 1966	Aldo Leopold's A Sand County Almanac has enthralled generations of nature lovers and conservationists. Hailed for prose that is "full of beauty and vigor and bite" (The New York Times), it is perhaps the finest example of nature writing since Thoreau's Walden, and one of the most influential works ever written about humans and the environment. A Sand Country Almanac combines some of the finest nature writing since Thoreau with an outspoken and highly ethical regard for America's relationship to the land.*

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Book	Essays and Meditations	Evaluating Human Role in Nature	The Sense of Wonder	Rachel Carson, Nick Kelsh, Charles Pratt	Carson's intimate account of adventures with her young nephew, Roger, as they enjoy walks along the rocky coast of Maine and through dense forests and open fields, observing wildlife, strange plants, moonlight and storm clouds, and listening to the "living music" of insects in the underbrush.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	Evaluating Human Role in Nature	Singing to the Sound: Visions of Nature, Animal and Spirit	Brenda Peterson, 2000	From wolves to salmon, from the great blue Heron to the gray whale, Singing to the Sound is Brenda Peterson's eloquent refrain to the American West. In this her latest book of personal and journalistic essays, Brenda Peterson explores and illuminates the complicated, but essential relationship between humans and animals, between humans and nature. Whether describing her swims with dolphins in the wild; the healing benefits of animal play; or the ongoing battles over hunting wolves and whales, Peterson gives her readers the opportunity to become "other" as she muses and envisions nature, animals and spirit in new ways.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	Evaluating Human Role in Nature	The Trees in My Forest	Bernd Heinrich	From the DNA contained in an apple seed to the great choring branches far beyond a young boy's reach, Heinrich explores a natural world in scientific and personal terms. Heinrich is a scientist, but his words speak with the power and subtle grace of a poet. He uses this gift and his intimate knowledge of his three hundred acres of Maine forest to expose the forest's rhythms, and in doing so, he illustrates the tenuous but vital link among man, trees, birds, insects, and all the creatures of the forest. Thanks to Bernd Heinrich, readers will finally see the forest and the trees.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	Evaluating Human Role in Nature	Walden	Henry David Thoreau, 1854	On July 4, 1845, Henry David Thoreau moved into the cabin he had built on the shore of Walden Pond, thus beginning the most famous experiment in simple living in American history. He discovers the joys of solitude and nature, and meditates on human existence, society, government and other topics.*

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Book	Essays and Meditations	Philosophical / Spiritual	Balance Point: Searching for a Spiritual Missing Link	Joseph Jenkins	In Balance Point: Searching for a Spiritual Missing Link, Joseph Jenkins examines the global implications of a society on the brink of both planetary destruction and spiritual revolution, weaving scientific facts within a tapestry of mystery and adventure to reveal remarkable spiritual concepts. Balance Point is a singular work that imparts a disturbing, yet hopeful awareness of the world around us and the universe within us, revealing what may be the route to our planet's, and our species', long term survival.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	Philosophical / Spiritual	Deep Ecology for the 21st Century	George Sessions	Instead of thinking of nature as a resource to be used for human needs, deep ecology argues that the true value of nature is intrinsic. This comprehensive and wide-ranging anthology contains almost 50 articles by the leading writers and thinkers in the field, offering a broad array of perspectives on this important approach to environmentalism.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	Philosophical / Spiritual	The Dream of the Earth	Thomas Barry	Sixteen essays on environmental consciousness by the most provocative figure among the new breed of eco-theologians. Berry's seminal thesis proposes a universal "biocratic" criterion to evaluate human history, development, and activity. He contends that the validity of any human enterprise is the degree to which it enhances the universal life force.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	Philosophical / Spiritual	Nature as Teacher and Healer: How to Reawaken Your Connection with Nature	James Swan	Jim Swan, an environmental psychologist, interweaves his own mystical dreams, spiritual experiences, and work as a psychotherapist with the writings of psychologists and anthropologists such as Carl Jung, Margaret Mead, and Joseph Campbell. What emerges is a much needed spiritual guide for anyone who feels alienated from nature.*

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Book	Essays and Meditations	Philosophical / Spiritual	Practice of the Wild	Gary Snyder, 1990	Essayist and Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Snyder offers nine sensitive and thoughtful essays blending his personal Buddhist beliefs, respect for wildlife and the land, and fascination with language and mythic tradition into a meditation on what it means to be human. Snyder has gone on to become one of America's cultural leaders, comprehending things about our world before they were ever discussed in public.*
Book	Essays and Meditations	Philosophical / Spiritual	Wisdom of the Elders: Sacred Native Stories of Nature	David Suzuki and Peter Knudtson	This unique and remarkable book collects the sacred wisdom of the Sioux, Pueblo, Hopi, Navajo, and other native peoples to show how we can create our own sacred ecology. Beginning with a fascinating inquiry into the true story behind Chief Seattle's famous ecology speech, David Suzuki and Peter Knudtson have juxtaposed the "wisdom of the elders" alongside the ideas of some of the wisest and most respected scientists of our time in a stunning synthesis that provides a blueprint for saving our planet.*
Book	Issues	General	50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth	Earthworks Group	Explains how specific things in a child's environment are connected to the rest of the world, how using them affects the planet, and how the individual can develop habits and projects that are environmentally sound.*
Book	Issues	General	Betrayal of Science and Reason: How Anti-Environmental Rhetoric Threatens our Future	Paul and Anne Erlich, 1996	Paul R. Ehrlich and Anne H. Ehrlich challenge those who downplay the reality and importance of global environmental problems with appealing but misleading rhetoric. Such efforts to undermine and misinterpret environmental data, labeled the "brownlash" by the Ehrlichs, prolong an already difficult search for solutions and are deeply disturbing to environmental scientists. In Betrayal of Science and Reason, the Ehrlichs contrast anti-environmental rhetoric with the consensus view of the scientific community, tackling head-on such issues as population growth, desertification, food production, global warming, ozone depletion, acid rain, and biodiversity loss.*

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Book	Issues	General	The Consumer's Guide to Effective Environmental Choice	Michael Brower and Warren Leon, 1999	The Union of Concerned Scientists help inform consumers about everyday decisions that significantly affect the environment. For example, a few major decisions - such as the choice of a house or vehicle - have such a disproportionately large affect on the environment that minor environmental infractions shrink by comparison. Learn what you can do to have a truly significant impact on our world from the people who are at the forefront of scientific research.*
Book	Issues	General	Defending Wild Washington: A Citizen's Action Guide	Edward Whitesell, ed. 2004	Written by Evergreen College students, this book explains how to lead an effective environmental campaign in Washington State. It provides a snapshot of the environmental issues in Washington, explains what needs to be done, and describes the major conservation organizations at work in Washington.
Book	Issues	General	Earth in the Balance	Al Gore, 1993	A passionate defender of the environment for more than twenty years, Vice President Al Gore is now convinced that the engines of human civilization have brought us to the brink of catastrophe. In this brave and provocative book, Gore argues that only a radical rethinking of our relationship with nature can save the earth's ecology for future generations. Earth in the Balance is an urgent "call to action to save our seriously threatened climate, our water, our soil, our diversity of plant and animal life, indeed our entire living space.*
Book	Issues	General	Earth Odyssey: Around the World in Search of Our Environmental Future	Mark Hertsgaard	Earth Odyssey is a vivid, passionate narrative about one man's journey around the world in search of the answer to the essential question of our time: Is the future of the human species at risk? Combining first-rate reportage with irresistible storytelling, Mark Hertsgaard has written an essential—and ultimately hopeful—book about the uncertain fate of humankind.*

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Book	Issues	General	The Good Rain: Across Time and Terrain in the Pacific Northwest	Timothy Egan, 1991	The Seattle correspondent for The New York Times ranges through the Pacific Northwest--from the salmon fisheries and logging camps to the used-up "resource towns" and the manicured English gardens of Vancouver--in this exemplary blend of history, geology, anthropology, and politics.*
Book	Issues	General	The Natural History of Puget Sound Country	Arthur Kruckberg, 1991	Bounded on the east by the crest of the Cascade Range and on the west by the lofty east flank of the Olympic Mountains, Puget Sound terrain includes every imaginable topographic variety. The book begins with a discussion of how the ice ages and vulcanism shaped the land and then examines the natural attributes of the region and both positive and negative aspects of the human impact.*
Book	Issues	General	Northwest Greenbook: A Regional Guide to Protecting and Preserving our Environment	Jonathan King	An issue-by-issue review of the most compelling environmental dilemmas facing Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana. King gives concise, provocative coverage of such topics as air and water pollution, solid waste disposal, growth and development, and natural resource management. Extensive resource listings are included.*
Book	Issues	General	Our Ecological Footprint: Reducing Human Impact on the Earth	William Rees	Equipped with useful charts and thought-provoking illustrations, this book introduces a revolutionary new way to determine humanity's impact on the Earth and presents an exciting and powerful tool for measuring and visualizing the resources required to sustain households, communities, regions, and nations.*
Book	Issues	General	The Population Explosion	Paul and Anne Erlich	The Population Explosion vividly describes how the Earth's population, growing by 95 million people a year, is rapidly depleting the planet's resources, resulting in famine, global warming, acid rain, and other major problems. Paul and Anne Ehrlich also clearly and concisely point to immediate action that will lessen the threat of ruin and begin to build a more peaceful, sane, and secure world. ( <a href="http://www.2think.org/tpe.shtml">http://www.2think.org/tpe.shtml</a> )

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Book	Issues	General	Science, Nonscience and Nonsense: Approaching Environmental Literacy	Michael Zimmerman	In Science, Nonscience, and Nonsense, Michael Zimmerman takes on a wide range of falsifiers, disinformation specialists, and charlatans to provide readers with the scientific background necessary to evaluate environmental and other current issues that increasingly may be a matter of life and death. Zimmerman begins by showing just what science is - and how the criteria of skepticism and falsifiability distinguish it from pseudoscience and mysticism. He offers intelligent, entertaining, and sometimes scathing analyses of bad science - from lottery "systems" and creationism to graphologists and homeopaths, from food and product safety scams to outright scientific fraud. In each case he shows exactly what to watch for - how the most outrageously false claims often contain a grain of truth, and how valid scientific findings may be distorted or selectively quoted to serve the ends of government, business, or special interest groups.*
Book	Issues	General	Silent Spring	Rachel Carson, 1962	This is a rigorous presentation of the effects of pesticide use as well as a call to greater awareness of our environment. Rarely does a single book alter the course of history, but Rachel Carson's Silent Spring did exactly that. The outcry that followed its publication in 1962 forced the government to ban DDT and spurred revolutionary changes in the laws affecting our air, land, and water. Carson's book was instrumental in launching the environmental movement.*

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Book	Issues	General	State of the World	World Watch Institute, series (2003 most recent).	(Mountaineers Library has 2001 version) In State of the World 2003, the Worldwatch Institute's award-winning research team provides concerned citizens and national leaders with comprehensive analysis of the global environmental problems we face, together with detailed descriptions of practical, innovative solutions, like charting the most environmentally sound path to a hydrogen-fueled economy, or accelerating the rapidly growing conversion of farmers worldwide to organic farming and sustainable agriculture. Written in clear and concise language, with easy-to-read charts and tables, State of the World presents a view of our changing world that we, and our leaders, cannot afford to ignore.*
Book	Issues	General	The Boilerplate Rhino	David Quammen,	
Book	Issues	General	The Unsettling of America: Culture and Agriculture	Wendell Berry	In "The Unsettling of America" Wendell Berry argues that good farming is a cultural development and spiritual discipline. Today's agribusiness, however, takes farming out of its cultural context and away from families, and as a nation we are thus more estranged from the land—from the intimate knowledge, love, and care of it. Sadly, as Berry notes in the afterword to this new edition, his arguments and observations are still relevant today. We continue to suffer loss of community, the devaluation of human work, and the destruction of nature under an economics dedicated to the mechanistic pursuit of products and profits.*
Book	Issues	General	Wilderness and the American Mind	Roderick Nash, 1982	Roderick Nash's classic study of America's changing attitudes toward wilderness has received wide acclaim since its initial publication in 1967. The Los Angeles Times has listed it among the one hundred most influential books published in the last quarter century and it has been called the "Book of Genesis for environmentalists."*

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Book	Issues	Forests	Ancient Forests of the Pacific Northwest	Elliot Norse, 1990	This book provides a global context for what is happening in the Pacific Northwest, analyzing the remaining ancient forest and the threats to it from atmospheric changes and logging. It shows how human tampering affects an ecosystem, and how the Pacific Northwest could become a model for sustainable forestry worldwide.*
Book	Issues	Forests	The Final Forest	William Dietrich	
Book	Issues	Forests	Battle for the Wilderness	Michael Frome, 1974	Centered on the struggle to pass the 1964 Wilderness Act, it offers a well-written, workable definition of wilderness and presents conservation as a vital thread in American history. The full text of the Wilderness Act - the document remains at the center of continuing disputes over the definition, designation, and disposition of wilderness - is reproduced in one appendix, while another appendix lists all the wilderness areas now designated in the fifty states
Book	Issues	Forests	Forest Dreams, Forest Nightmares: The Paradox of Old Growth in the Inland West	Nancy Langston	Langston, an ecologist and assistant professor of environmental studies at the University of Wisconsin, presents a history and analysis of forest management in the Blue Mountains of eastern Oregon and Washington. Beginning her story before the arrival of whites, she reminds us that although we think of the land as "wild" and "natural" before our arrival, in fact the Natives had been changing it for thousands of years to suit their own needs. She chronicles U.S. Forest Service management, and mismanagement, from the beginning of the 20th century yet advises that this is a story without villains or heroes. Langston contends that the situation is more complicated than represented by either environmentalists or traditional foresters.*

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Book	Issues	Forests	Let Stand: A Riveting Expose of Environmental Pillage and a Lone Journalist's Struggle to Keep the Faith	Richard Manning	In 1988 Richard Manning, a reporter for the Montana Missoulian, blew the whistle on two out-of-state logging companies that had clear-cut a swath the size of Delaware through the forests of the Northern Rockies. Manning's articles won his paper an award, but cost him his job. This courageous book is his story as well as a report on the destruction of America's woodlands and its cover-up.*
Book	Issues	Forests	Olympic Battleground: The Power Politics of Timber Preservation	Carsen Lein, 1991	The classic account of the struggle to create and preserve Olympic National Park, this is the first comprehensive history of the heavily visited park. The result of 20 years of research by a diligent and impassioned conservationist, this account chronicles the history of forestry in the Pacific Northwest from 1850 to the present, telling how millions of acres of old growth forest fell into the hands of timber syndicates, railroad companies, and mining companies in the 19th century, and detailing the struggle over the Olympic peninsula--the archetype of conservation efforts.*
Book	Issues	Forests	Tree Huggers: Victory, Defeat and Renewal in the Northwest Ancient Forest Campaign	Kathie Durbin, 1996	The high-profile campaign to protect and preserve the Pacific Northwest's ancient forests has been a hot environmental issue for the past 25 years, and remains so today. Tree Huggers is an incisive and spirited account of this ongoing conflict and the people at the forefront of the battle. It explains the belated efforts by scientists to understand the ecology of old-growth forests and the stubborn refusal by the Forest Service to heed the early warnings from within its own ranks that the forests were being overcut

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Book	Issues	Forests	Vanishing Halo: Saving the Boreal Forest	David Gawthrop, 1999	The boreal forest plays a crucial role in protecting us from global warming. Its peat bogs absorb carbon dioxide and purify the air we breathe. Daniel Gawthrop describes what the boreal forest is, why it is so important, and why so many people know so little about it. He introduces us to the amazing variety of plant and animal life found within the forest, discusses the dramatic threat human activity poses to it and examines the many promising solutions that environmentalists and industrial developers are actively seeking.*
Book	Issues	West and Public Lands Mgmt	Cadillac Desert: The American West and It's Disappearing Water	Marc Reisner, 1987	A study of the economics, politics, and ecology of water that covers more than a century of desert reclamation in the American West. In Cadillac Desert Marc Reisner writes of the earliest settlers, lured by the promise of paradise, and of the ruthless tactics employed by Los Angeles politicians and business interests to ensure the city's growth. He documents the bitter rivalry between two government giants, the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in the competition to transform the West.*
Book	Issues	West and Public Lands Mgmt	Dispossessing in the Wilderness: The Preservation Ideal, Indian Removal and National Parks	Mark David Spence, 2000	National parks like Yellowstone, Yosemite, and Glacier preserve some of this country's most cherished wilderness landscapes. While visions of pristine, uninhabited nature led to the creation of these parks, they also inspired policies of Indian removal. By contrasting the native histories of these places with the links between Indian policy developments and preservationist efforts, this work examines the complex origins of the national parks and the troubling consequences of the American wilderness ideal. The first study to place national park history within the context of the early reservation era, it details the ways that national parks developed into one of the most important arenas of contention between native peoples and non-Indians in the twentieth century

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Book	Issues	West and Public Lands Mgmt	Crossing the Next Meridian: Land, Water and the Future of the West	Charles Wilkenson	In Crossing the Next Meridian, Wilkinson explains to a general audience some of the core problems that face the American West, both now and in the years to come. An expert on federal public lands, Native American issues, and the West's arcane water laws, Wilkinson looks at the outmoded ideas that pervade land use and resource allocation. He argues that significant reform of Western law is needed to combat environmental decline and heal splintered communities. Interweaving legal history with examples of present-day consequences, both intended and unintended, Wilkinson traces the origins and development of Western laws and regulations. He relates stories of Westerners who face these issues on a day-to-day basis and discusses what can and should be done to bring government policies in line with the reality of twentieth-century American life.*
Book	Issues	West and Public Lands Mgmt	Playing God in Yellowstone: The Destruction of America's First National Park	Alston Chase	Wildlife management in Yellowstone has been under fire for decades. Chase reviews the park's history and examines vacillating policies and political pressures that affect the park's management. Attracting visitors is the overriding priority, he finds; their safety is the guiding philosophy, and rangers are mere policemen. Chase tells the story of Grant Village, a development sited in prime grizzly habitat; he discusses the friction between rangers and naturalists, the exclusion of university biologists (though geologists are welcome).*

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Book	Issues	West and Public Lands Mgmt	Reclaiming the Last Wild Places: A New Agenda for Biodiversity	Roger DiSilvestro	In Reclaiming the Last Wild Places, leading environmentalist Roger DiSilvestro offers answers to these crucial questions and many more. In tracing the history of conservation and federal land management in America from the nineteenth century to the present, DiSilvestro highlights the fundamental misconceptions, tactical errors, and fatal compromises that were made along the way. Foremost among these has been the historic practice of creating isolated pockets of wilderness, exposed on all sides to the dangerous influences of human "progress." Rather than creating wildlife sanctuaries, such places become ecological prisons affording animals far from sufficient room and resources within which to thrive.*
Book	Issues	West and Public Lands Mgmt	The Western Range Revisited: Removing Livestock from Public Lands to Conserve Native Biodiversity	Debra Donahue	The Western Range Revisited proposes a landscape-level strategy for conserving native biological diversity on federal rangelands, a strategy based chiefly on removing livestock from large tracts of arid BLM lands. Drawing from range ecology, conservation biology, law, and economics, Debra L. Donahue examines the history of federal grazing policy and the current debate on federal multiple-use, sustained-yield policies and changing priorities for our public lands.*

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Book	Issues	Wildlife	Animal Heart	Brenda Peterson	<p>“In this, her fourth novel, renowned author Brenda Peterson offers a captivating love story of people whose compassion for animals compels them into extraordinary acts of heroism. Based on cutting-edge science, this powerful page-turner tackles such timely and troubling issues as low-frequency active sonar and animal experimentation, and forewarns of a future of Dead Zone oceans, disappearing species, and a world with creatures whose DNA boundaries have been genetically blurred. At once prescient and poignant, Animal Heart is a haunting, highly original story of the deep bonds between human and animals—and of our inevitably linked fates.” (<a href="http://www.literati.net/Peterson/PetersonBooks.htm">http://www.literati.net/Peterson/PetersonBooks.htm</a>)</p>
Book		Wildlife	The Arctic Wolf: Ten Years with the Pack	David Mech	<p>In a remote land where he battles arctic winds and blizzards one day and mosquitoes the next, Dr. L. David Mech has learned more about the day-to-day life of the wolf than any other person. For months at a time, he has watched wolves play, sleep, socialize, and train their young. When they go on the hunt for musk oxen, he has followed. From his expeditions he has gathered a multitude of intriguing observations and remarkable photographs, which he shares with you here.</p>
Book	Issues	Wildlife	Bears, Monarch of the Northern Wilderness	Wayne Lynch, 1993	<p>An abundantly illustrated compendium of color photos and informative text distilled from his nine years of bear-obsessive research and legwork by science writer/photographer Lynch, a man with a passion. The scope is broad: bears of the Northern Hemisphere. Organization is by months of the year, which juxtaposes various kinds of bears in various habitats.*</p>

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Book		Wildlife	Biomimicry: Innovation Inspired by Nature	Janine Benyrus	Biomimicry is the quest for innovation inspired by nature. Biomimics are scientists and inventors who study nature's greatest achievements - spider silk and tallgrass, seashells and brain cells, photosynthesis and forests - and adapt them for human use. Their findings are revolutionizing how we invent, compute, heal ourselves, harness energy, repair the environment, conduct business, and feed the world. In Biomimicry, science writer Janine M. Benyus names and explains this phenomenon that has been unfolding in all the science disciplines.*
Book	Issues	Wildlife	The Company We Keep: America's Endangered Species	Douglas Chadwick and Joel Sartore	A look at America's wildlife through text and vivid photography, highlighting the plight of more than 950 species protected by the controversial Endangered Species Act.*
Book		Wildlife	Dead Reckoning	Terry Galvin, 1996	Will the Pacific fishery go the way of the Atlantic fishery? How can it be better managed? And what can be done to ensure its long-term sustainability? In Dead Reckoning, award-winning journalist Terry Galvin attempts to answer these troublesome questions. He begins at Byrne Creek, a local stream that shaped his boyhood world, then takes us up the Fraser River, where Coyote once assigned fishing rights and techniques, and out onto the high seas. It is later than we think - but not too late, says Galvin. In precise, highly visual and moving prose, he presents concrete alternatives for fishing communities on the West Coast and around the globe, and introduces us to some of the fishers, biologists and "average citizens" who are working to conserve and restore the world's great fisheries today.*

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Book	Issues	Wildlife	The Future of Life	Edward O. Wilson	Today we understand that our world is infinitely richer than was ever previously guessed. Yet it is so ravaged by human activity that half its species could be gone by the end of the present century. In this dazzlingly intelligent and ultimately hopeful book, Wilson describes what treasures of the natural world we are about to lose forever—in many cases animals, insects, and plants we have only just discovered, and whose potential to nourish us, protect us, and cure our illnesses is immeasurable—and what we can do to save them. In the process, he explores the ethical and religious bases of the conservation movement and deflates the myth that environmental policy is antithetical to economic growth by illustrating how new methods of conservation can ensure long-term economic well-being.*
Book		Wildlife	Game Wars, The Undercover Pursuit of Wildlife Poachers	Marc Reisner	Every day, a dirty war is being fought against dozens of threatened and endangered wildlife species. In America as well as abroad, the counterinsurgency campaign against the poachers and smugglers is being waged by U.S. Fish and Wildlife undercover agents. Game Wars offers a stunningly written, firsthand account of how these agents operate.*
Book	Issues	Wildlife	The Ghost With Trembling Wings	Scott Weidensaul	It is, scientists say, the worst global extinction crisis in the last sixty-five million years - the hemorrhage of thirty thousand irreplaceable life-forms each year. And yet every so often one of these lost species resurfaces. In The Ghost with Trembling Wings, naturalist Scott Weidensaul pursues these stories of loss and recovery, of endurance against the odds, and of surprising resurrections. The Ghost with Trembling Wings is a book of exploration and a survey of the frontiers of modern science and wildlife biology. It is, in the end, the story of our desire for a wilder, bigger, more complete world.*

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Book		Wildlife	The Great Bear: Contemporary Writings on the Grizzly	J.A Murray	The anthology is arranged geographically with sections covering Alaska, the Northern Rockies, Yellowstone Park, and the Southwest. A brief description of the area and its bear history is presented. This is followed by a biographical sketch of the author and then an excerpt from his work. Topics covered include park ranger experiences, views of local residents in bear country, human-bear encounters, Native American spiritual beliefs, and bear habits and behavior. The selections are thoroughly indexed, and a reading list is included.*
Book	Issues	Wildlife	Mountain in the Clouds: A Search for Wild Salmon	Bruce Brown, 1995	“Experience wild salmon leaping up the wild rivers of the Northwest. In western Washington, salmon still return from the ocean to spawn deep within the Olympic Mountains. This book is a classic on conservation and wildlife. Pre-dating the current concern for salmonids as an endangered species, Brown engages the reader in the unique environment of the temperate rainforest of the Olympic Peninsula. He describes the people and the fish that are the central players in this life and death drama.” ( <a href="http://www.outdoorshub.com/Mountain_in_the_Clouds_A_Search_for_the_Wild_Salmon_0295974753.html">http://www.outdoorshub.com/Mountain_in_the_Clouds_A_Search_for_the_Wild_Salmon_0295974753.html</a> )
Book		Wildlife	The Ninemile Wolves	Rick Bass	The Ninemile Wolves follows the fate of a modern wolf pack, the first known group of wolves to attempt to settle in Montana outside protected national park territory. The wolf inspires hatred, affection, myth, fear, and pity; its return ignites the passions of cattle ranchers and environmentalists, wildlife biologists and hunters. One man's vigorous, emotional inquiry into the proper relationship between man and nature, The Ninemile Wolves advocates wolf reintroduction in the West.*

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Book	Issues	Wildlife	Reaching Home: Pacific Salmon, Pacific People	Natalie Fobes, Tom Jay, Brad Matsen, 1994	The subject is the salmon--its role in the lives and culture of peoples of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, as well as Japan and Russia. Fobes' photos of fish and people are extraordinary; the collection represents a decade of work by the award-winning photographer. Accompanying essays by Tom Jay and Brad Matsen are at once personal, lyrical, and informative--about the evolution and biology, and history and current status of Pacific salmon.*
Book	Issues	Wildlife	Salmon Without Rivers: A History of the Pacific Salmon Crisis	Jim Lichatowich, 1999	In Salmon Without Rivers, fisheries biologist Jim Lichatowich offers an eye-opening look at the roots and evolution of the salmon crisis in the Pacific Northwest. He exposes the myths that have guided recent human-salmon interactions and clearly explains the difficult choices facing the citizens of the region. Throughout, Lichatowich argues that the dominant worldview of our society - a worldview that denies connections between humans and the natural world - has created the conflict and controversy that characterize the recent history of salmon. The author argues that unless this worldview is challenged and changed, there is little hope for recovery.
Book	Issues	Wildlife	Saving Nature's Legacy: Protecting and Restoring Biodiversity	Reed Noss and Allen Cooperrider	Written by two leading conservation biologists, Saving Nature's Legacy is a thorough and readable introduction to issues of land management and conservation biology. After laying the groundwork for biodiversity conservation - what biodiversity is, why it is important, its status in North America - Noss and Cooperrider consider the strengths and limitations of past and current approaches to land management.*
Book	Issues	Wildlife	The Song of the Dodo: Island Biogeography in an Age of Extinctions	David Quammen, 1996	Madagascar to Guam shows why island biogeography--the study of the distribution of species on islands & islandlike patches of landscape--yields important insights into the origin & extinction of species everywhere. Why have island ecosystems always suffered such high rates of extinction? In our own age, with all the world's landscapes, from Tasmania to the Amazon to Yellowstone, now being carved into islandlike fragments by human activity, the implications of

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Book	Issues	Wildlife	Squish! A Wetland Walk	Nancy Luenn	A feast for the senses, "Squish!" provides young children with an introduction to the sights, sounds, and smells of a wetland as experienced by a young boy. Children are immersed in the imagery of a special place where newts, dragonflies, and water striders can be seen, the song of the blackbird and slap of the beaver's tail can be heard, and the pungent smell of rotting plants fills the air. Luenn uses simple language to explain some of the many ways wetlands are beneficial, and Himler's quiet watercolors beautifully capture the unusual, wondrous atmosphere.*
Book	Issues	Wildlife	True Grizz	Doug Chadwick	In True Grizz, author Douglas Chadwick joins a crew of dedicated wildlife managers working to educate grizzlies about where they should and shouldn't go in the populated areas of northwestern Montana. This challenge grows increasingly difficult as human development encroaches upon the bears' habitat, leaving grizz little choice but to share landscapes with us. Breaking with the tradition of tales that depict bears as either ferocious monsters or icons of pure wilderness, Chadwick gives us a refreshingly clear-eyed view of individual grizzlies and their complex personalities.*
Book	Issues	Wildlife	Upstream: Salmon and Society in the Pacific Northwest	National Research Council	"Upstream" explores the complications and conflicts surrounding the problem of declining salmon populations. The book offers specific recommendations for salmon rehabilitation that take into account the key role played by genetic variability in salmon survival and the urgent need for habitat protection and management of fishing.*
Book	Issues	Wildlife	Viable Populations for Conservation	Michael Soule, ed	The related roles of demographic and environmental factors in species population control are addressed through the integration of conservation biology with population biology.*

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Book	Issues	Wildlife	The Wolf: The Ecology and Behavior of an Endangered Species	David Mech, 1970	A fine, comprehensive survey of the ecology and habits of the wolf - his food, habitat, hunting, mating, social behavior and much more. Written in non-technical language, the book sets down just about everything that we know about this beautiful and - propaganda aside - shy animal, who, authorities agree, has never in this country attacked a man.*
Book	Issues	Water	Blue Gold: The Fight to Stop the Corporate Theft of the World's Water	Maude Barlow and Tony Clarke	In a shocking exposé, Blue Gold shows why, as the vice president of the World Bank has pronounced, "The wars of the next century will be about water." Increasingly, transnational corporations are plotting to control the world's dwindling water supply. Maude Barlow and Tony Clarke show how the corporate giants act in their own interest and how, contrary to received wisdom, water flows uphill to the wealthy who can afford it. The consumption of water doubles every twenty years—more than twice the rate of the increase in human population. Blue Gold captures in striking detail the forces behind the depletion of the world's fresh water, and the human and ecological impacts it entails.*
Book	Issues	Water	The Columbia River: Sustaining a Modern Resource	Tim Palmer, 1997	Focusing on the basin not as a collection of isolated parts but as an interconnected natural system, the text provides a detailed picture of what is wrong and what needs to be changed if this remarkable place is to survive. Until recently powerful industries and other commercial interests have been the predominant forces guiding the region's destiny, often to self-serving ends and with disastrous results for the environment. Palmer offers hope, focusing on three critical areas of concern - land development, salmon, and forests - he defines the issues and demonstrates that responsible politics can redirect our society's course toward a sustainable future.*

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Book	Issues	Water	Nisqually Watershed: Glacier to Delta, A River's Legacy	David Gordon, 1995	<p>"Nisqually Watershed: Glacier to Delta, A River's Legacy portrays the region's habitats and inhabitants, emphasizes the collaborative efforts of individuals and organizations within the watershed and promotes conservation of watersheds throughout the world. Native history, homesteader's tales, contemporary accounts of watershed dynamics, and naturalists' notes are all combined in this compelling portrait of a special place."  (<a href="http://www.mountaineersbooks.org/product.cfm?PC=4534">http://www.mountaineersbooks.org/product.cfm?PC=4534</a>)</p>
Book	Issues	Water	The Price of Taming a River: The Decline of Puget Sound's Duwamish/Green Waterway	Mike Sato, 1997	<p>The historical puzzle that is the Green River and its drainage basin, from Mount Rainier to Puget Sound, is carefully pieced together in this portrait of the people, events, and dramatic forces that have determined the fate of this once-powerful river. Beginning in the early years of this century, the Duwamish/Green waterway was rechanneled, dredged, dammed, and diked in an attempt to prevent flooding and salvage land for agriculture and industry. The "taming" of the river made a valuable stretch of land usable year-round but the consequences have been pollution and the destruction of the habitat it once provided for fish, shellfish, and wildlife.*</p>
Book	Issues	Water	Sea Change: A Message of the Oceans	Sylvia Earle	<p>Internationally known as the ambassador-at-large to the world's oceans, Sylvia Earle is the former chief scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Sea Change is at once the gripping adventure story of Earle's three decades of undersea exploration and an urgent plea for the preservation of the world's fragile and rapidly deteriorating ocean ecosystems.*</p>

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Book	Issues	Water	Water Wars: Drought, Flood, Folly, and the Politics of Thirst	Diane Raines Ward	Despite its profound, life-giving role in our planet's history, what we hear about water today is mostly bad news: The world's supply is severely at risk. We're reminded of this daily, with word of another drought, or alarming statistics about pollution, population growth, and climate changes, which together threaten to make water, even more than oil, the cause of war within our life time. After a decade of traveling and reporting on five continents, Diane Raines Ward has produced an intimate look at the world's most embattled water regions, as well as the most inspiring advocates to emerge from them.*
Book	Issues	Health	Living Downstream: An Ecologist Looks at Cancer and the Environment	Sandra Steingraber	Living Downstream is the first book to bring together toxics-release data—now finally made available under right-to-know-laws—and newly released cancer registry data. Sandra Steingraber is also the first to trace with such compelling precision the entire web of connections between our bodies and the ecological world in which we eat, drink, breathe, and work. In a gripping personal narrative, she travels from hospital waiting rooms to hazardous waste sites and from farmhouse kitchens to incinerator hearings, bringing to life stories of communities in her hometown and around the country as they confront decades of industrial and agricultural recklessness ( <a href="http://www.steingraber.com">www.steingraber.com</a> )
Book	Issues	Health	Our Stolen Future	Theo Colborn	The subject of front page headlines and evening news broadcasts, this groundbreaking book first revealed that chemicals in the environment have affected human reproductive patterns in way that may threaten the survival of the species.*

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Book	Issues	Feminism	Dangerous Intersections: Feminist Perspectives on Population, Environment and Development	Jael Miriam Silliman, ed	Thirteen original critical essays by well-known feminist scholars and activists present multicultural, international perspectives on the major global issues relevant to the environment, development, and population control. The authors reveal the racism behind environmental degradation and immigration control, the paternalism underlying many population control efforts, and the widespread scapegoating of women, the poor, and immigrants as the source of major world problems.*
Book	Issues	Feminism	The Death of Nature: Women, Ecology and the Scientific Revolution	Carolyn Merchant	An examination of the Scientific Revolution that shows how the mechanistic world view of modern science has sanctioned the exploitation of nature, unrestrained commercial expansion, and a new socioeconomic order that subordinates women.*
Book	Issues	Feminism	Woman and Nature	Susan Griffin, 1978	In this famously provocative cornerstone of feminist literature, Susan Griffin brilliantly ponders the place and role of women in a predominantly patriarchal society. Her evocative explorations of far-ranging elements of human experience expose the hypocrisy of standard assumptions of gender and the environment.*
Book	Issues	Growth	Better Not Bigger: How to Take Control of Urban Growth and Improve Your Community	Eben Fodor	Exploding the myth that growth is good for us, this book clearly and convincingly shows how urban growth can, in fact, leave our communities permanently scarred, and saddled with very high costs.*

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Book	Issues	Growth	The Car and the City: 24 Steps to Safe Streets and Healthy Communities	Alan Durning, 1996	<p>“Many people recognize that the increasing number of automobiles is choking our cities--polluting our air, endangering our streets, and isolating us from our communities. This book shows how resurgent cities could make cars work again, and even solve problems ranging from oil wars to urban decay, rising seas to violent crime. Not just an analytic approach to economic and environmental urban concerns, The Car and the City is an offbeat journey through three great metropolises. Seattle, Portland, and Vancouver--by car, train, bicycle, and foot.”</p> <p>(<a href="http://www.northwestwatch.org/publications/carcity.asp">http://www.northwestwatch.org/publications/carcity.asp</a>)</p>
Book	Issues	Growth	The Ecology of Hope: Communities Collaborate for Sustainability	Ted Bernard and Jora Young	<p>The Ecology of Hope is a remarkably upbeat account of a number of communities where collaboration among different factions and interest groups has led to breakthrough consensus on plans for achieving sustainability. The authors weigh what has worked and what has not, and trace hopeful routes toward sustainable resource management applicable to communities everywhere.*</p>
Book	Issues	Growth	This Place on Earth: Home and the Practice of Permanence	Alarn Durning, 1996	<p>Using the Pacific Northwest as his laboratory, he provides a historical and ecological context for the area's current growth while discussing alternative plans for economic development. He believes that we can live better while living more lightly on the land. His brief profiles of business people, activists and politicians attempting to move society in this direction are illuminating. Policies dealing with such issues as environment-friendly taxation, land use, transportation, recycling, irrigation, conservation and endangered species are discussed creatively and sensibly.*</p>
Book	Issues	Business and Economics	The Ecology of Commerce	Paul Hawken	<p>A visionary new program that businesses can follow to help restore the planet.*</p>

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Book	Issues	Business and Economics	Fostering Sustainable Behavior: An Introduction to Community-Based Social Marketing	Doug McKenzie-Mohr	A sustainable future will require sweeping changes in public behavior. While conventional marketing can help create public awareness, social marketing identifies and overcomes barriers to long-lasting behavior change. This groundbreaking book is the primary resource for the emerging new field of community-based social marketing, and an invaluable guide for anyone involved in designing public education programs with the goal of promoting sustainable behavior, from recycling and energy efficiency, to alternative transportation.*
Book	Issues	Business and Economics	Green Plans: GreenPrint for Sustainability	Huey Johnson	"Green plans" are the most effective strategies yet developed for moving from industrial environmental deterioration to postindustrial sustainability. Huey D. Johnson provides the first detailed and understandable examination of the theory, implementation, and performance of green plans. Green plans will serve future generations as models of creative collaboration between government and business.*
Book	Issues	Business and Economics	Natural Capitalism	Paul Hawken, Amory Lovins, L.Hunter Lovins	In this groundbreaking paradigm for the economy, three leading business visionaries explain how the world is on the verge of a new industrial revolution, one that promises to transform our fundamental notions about commerce and its role in shaping our future. The short answer to the logical question (What is natural capitalism?) is that it is a way of thinking that seeks to apply market principles to all sources of material value, most importantly natural resources.*

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Book	Issues	Business and Economics	Paradise for Sale: A Parable of Nature	Carl McDaniel and John Gowdy	For more than 2,000 years traditional Nauruans lived in social and ecological stability, but in 1900 the discovery of phosphate catapulted Nauru into the world market. In a captivating and moving style, the authors describe how the island became one of the richest nations in the world and how its citizens acquired all the ills of modern life: obesity, diabetes, heart disease, hypertension. At the same time, Nauru became 80 percent mined-out ruins that contain severely impoverished biological communities of little value in supporting human habitation. This sad tale highlights the dire consequences of a free-market economy, a system in direct conflict with sustaining the environment.*
Book	Issues	Business and Economics	Reuniting Ecology and Economy in Sustainable Development	Russ Beaton and Chris Maser	Puts forth a vision of melding ecology and economy into a unifying concept of social-environmental sustainability. Discusses how the biological sciences have lost their spiritual foundation, and explains how our view of the world is fragmented and distracted from the processes that maintain the viability of the ecosystems we depend on. Recommends strategies for sustainability both locally and globally.*
Book	Issues	Business and Economics	Unequal Protection: The Rise of Corporate Dominance and the Theft of Human Rights	Thom Hartmann	Unequal taxes, unequal accountability for crime, unequal influence, unequal privacy, and unequal access to natural resources and our commons--these inequalities and more are the effects of corporations winning the rights of persons while simultaneously being given the legal protections to avoid the responsibilities that come with these rights. Hartmann tells the intriguing story of how it got this way--from the colonists' rebellion against the commercial interests of the British elite to the distorted application of the Fourteenth Amendment--and how to get back to a government of, by, and for the people.*

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Book	Issues	Business and Economics	When Corporations Rule the World	David Korten	In a well-reasoned, extensively researched analysis, Korten exposes the harmful effects globalization is having on all areas of life--not just economics, but also politics, society, and the environment--and outlines a grassroots strategy for getting corporations out of politics and creating a world responsive to human needs and the natural environment.*
Book	Issues	Lifestyles	Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community	Robert D. Putnam	Since its peak in the mid-1960s, involvement in civic and community organizations in the United States has been on the decline. In Bowling Alone, Harvard professor Robert D. Putnam explores the changing role of community in the life of Americans.
Book	Issues	Lifestyles	The Circle of Simplicity: Return to the Good Life	Cecile Andrews, 1997	In The Circle of Simplicity: Return to the Good Life, author Cecile Andrews helps you discover and create the good life for yourself. The circles not only give people the tools to change, but they also fill the unmet need for community, intimacy, and the desire to search for truth in the company of kindred spirits.*
Book	Issues	Politics	Fixing Elections: The Failure of America's Winner Take All Politics	Steven Hill	Was the lesson of Florida's punch-cards that we need better machines, or that there's something deeply wrong with a system where the candidate with fewer votes wins the office? Fixing Elections shows why it's not just the Electoral College that's outdated, but our entire eighteenth-century Winner Take All political system, including the way we elect our legislatures.*
Book	Issues	Politics	The Political Racket: Deceit, Self-Interest and Corruption in American Politics	Martin Gross	The political system that worked so well for America is now structurally broken. And the entrenched political class is the villain. Meanwhile the parties have become trade unions for self-serving professional politicians. In The Political Racket, Martin L. Gross puts American politicians under a microscope for the first time and finds them finds them sadly lacking. In this hard-hitting investigation, renowned journalist and political analyst Martin L. Gross exposes the secret world of American politicians and outlines a plan to totally reform the system and replace the political class with dedicated citizens.*

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