The Green List

Recommended Eco-Titles at the Library

San Francisco Public Library

Main Library 100 Larkin St. (at Grove) (415) 557-4277 *www.sfpl.org*

LOCAL INTEREST

333.7209 K654L Kittle, Nancy. ***Legacy: Portraits of 50 Bay Area Environmental Elders.*** University of California Press, 2006. Profiles of extraordinary locals who defended the open spaces of the Bay Area.

635.0979 P356g Peirce, Pam. ***Golden Gate Gardening: The Complete Guide to Year-Round Food Gardening in the San Francisco Bay Area and Coastal California.*** Sasquatch Books, 1998. Definitive source on local vegetable gardening tailored for the many climates in the region.

635.95 H2274p Harlow, Nora. ***Plants and Landscapes for Summer-Dry Climates of the San Francisco Bay Region.*** East Bay MUD, 2004. What to plant to conserve water, provide wildlife habitat and reduce fire hazards.

635.9517 K223d Keator, Glenn and Alrie Middlebrook. ***Designing California Native Gardens: The Plant Community Approach to Artful, Ecological Gardens.*** University of California Press, 2007. Easy to use book includes sample plans, drawings, color photographs and plant lists.

641.5 W315a Waters, Alice. ***The Art of Simple Food: Notes and Recipes From a Delicious Revolution.*** Clarkson Potter, 2007. Bay Area natural food revolutionary presents her principles and recipes for good eating.

712.0979 W1537c Walker, Richard. ***The Country in the City: The Greening of the San Francisco Bay Area.*** University of Washington Press, 2007. A history of local environmental politics from the late 1800s to the present.

HOW-TO

307.3362 W1588g Walljasper, Jay. ***The Great Neighborhood Book: A Do-it-yourself Guide to Placemaking.*** New Society, 2007. Offers techniques to revive a community by transforming public spaces.

307.77 B2243e Bang, Jan Martin. ***Ecovillages: A Practical Guide to Sustainable Communities.*** New Society, 2005. A manual for planning, establishing and maintaining a sustainable community, using a permaculture approach.

333.72 Y25o Yarrow, Joanna. ***1,001 Ways to Save the Earth.*** Chronicle Books, 2007. This handbook provides practical and simple ideas for every budget and every day.

640 B163d Baird, Lori. ***Don't Throw It Out: Recycle, Renew and Reuse to Make Things Last.*** Rodale, 2007. Extend the life of your treasured possessions and maximize the value of everything you own.

629.229 N354c Nerad, Jack R. ***The Complete Idiot's Guide to Hybrid and Alternative Fuel Vehicles.*** Alpha, 2007. In jargon-free language, explains the advantages and disadvantages of each kind of car.

644 Am134c Thorne Amann, Jennifer. ***Consumer Guide to Home Energy Savings: Save Money, Save the Earth.*** New Society, 2007. A one-stop resource to improve home energy performance and reduce costs.

GENERAL NON-FICTION

155.418 L936L Louv, Richard. ***Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder.*** Algonquin Books, 2005. Extols importance of exposure to nature for physical and emotional development.

303.4973 K9636L Kunstler, James Howard. ***The Long Emergency: Surviving the Converging Catastrophes of the Twenty-First Century.*** Atlantic Monthly Press, 2005. Apocalyptic vision of a post-oil future details economic, political and social changes.

304.2 W435w Weisman, Alan. ***The World Without Us.*** Thomas Dunne Books, 2007. Paints provocative scenario of what would happen to earth if all humans disappeared.

330.126 Ei87r Eisler, Riane. ***The Real Wealth of Nations: Creating a Caring Economics.*** Berrett-Koehler, 2007. Ecofeminist promotes practical plan to solve environmental and social problems.

333.72 M241e McPhee, John. ***Encounters with the Archdruid.*** Noonday Press, 1971. McPhee describes conservation champion David Brower going head to head with three natural enemies.

333.9164 H369b Helvarg, David. ***Blue Frontier: Dispatches from America's Ocean Wilderness.*** Sierra Club Books, 2006. Charts ongoing ecological crisis of the marine environment, emphasizing public policy and activist efforts.

333.9522 G469s 2007 Glavin, Terry. ***The Sixth Extinction: Journey Among the Lost and Left Behind.*** St. Martin's Press, 2006. How globalization contributes to the loss of diverse cultures, languages and local traditions.

363.196 M2956n Malkan, Stacy. ***Not Just a Pretty Face: The Ugly Side of the Beauty Industry.*** New Society, 2007. Warns of hazardous chemicals in products of profit-driven, unregulated U.S. cosmetics industry.

363.17 Sch168e Schapiro, Mark. ***Exposed: The Toxic Chemistry Of Everyday Products—Who's At Risk And What's At Stake For American Power.*** Chelsea Green, 2007. Spurning precautionary practices damages us, our ecosystems and American competitive advantage.

363.7285 R816g Royte, Elizabeth. ***Garbage Land: On the Secret Trail of Trash.*** Back Bay, 2006. Travel the fascinating trail trash takes—with experts.

363.7387 K831f Kolbert, Elizabeth. ***Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature and Climate Change.*** Bloomsbury, 2006. Expansion of author's cogent New Yorker series on the urgent global warming crisis.

363.8097 Im3f Imhoff, Daniel. ***Food Fight: The Citizen's Guide to a Food and Farm Bill.*** Watershed Media/UC Press, 2007. Tell-all on subsidies distorting our food system, our bodies and our future.

GENERAL NON-FICTION continued

394.12 P7609o Pollan, Michael. ***The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals.*** Penguin Press, 2006. Discusses the ecology of the food we eat in a remarkable journey up and down the food chain.

585.5097 P9268w Preston, Richard. ***The Wild Trees: A Story of Passion and Daring.*** Random House, 2007. Explores previously unknown ecosystem in the canopy of Northern California's redwoods.

597.56 H816t House, Freeman. ***Totem Salmon: Life Lessons from Another Species.*** Beacon Press, 1999. In lyrical writing, describes effort to save the salmon in one Humboldt County river.

628.4458 Ev153c Evans, Dave. ***Cool Green Stuff: A Guide to Finding Great Recycled, Sustainable, Renewable Objects You Will Love.*** Clarkson Potter, 2007. Ecostyle from all over Earth!

818.303 T391w Thoreau, Henry David. ***Walden.*** Beacon Press, 2004. The 1854 classic with an introduction and annotations by Bill McKibben.

B H5534a Hill, Julia Butterfly. ***The Legacy of Luna: The Story of a Tree, a Woman, and the Struggle To Save the Redwoods.*** Harper San Francisco, 2000. Her two years of civil disobedience succeed in promoting the survival of primal forest.

FICTION

F Abbey Abbey, Edward. ***The Monkey Wrench Gang.*** Avon, 1975. A comic and incendiary call to protect the American wilderness.

SF Boyle Boyle, T. Coraghessan. ***A Friend Of The Earth.*** Viking, 2000. A riff on the mores and manias of environmental crusaders, blending idealism and satire.

SF Brin Brin, David. ***Earth.*** Bantam, 1990. Ecological disasters threaten the entire planet.

SF Callenba Callenbach, Ernest. Banyan Tree Books, 1975. ***Ecotopia: The Notebooks and Reports of William Weston.*** The Northwest secedes from the Union to form a socially and ecologically responsible state.

SF Carlsson Carlsson, Chris. ***After the Deluge.*** Full Enjoyment Books, 2004. A teen arsonist threatens utopian San Francisco's sustainable direct democracy.

SF Gibs Gibson, William. ***Virtual Light.*** Bantam, 1993. Viscerally convincing dystopia of homeless living on Bay Bridge.

F Hegland Hegland, Jean. ***Into The Forest.*** Calyx Books, 1996. Two sisters survive in the Northern California forest when fuel deliveries to the area cease.

FICTION continued

SF Leguin Le Guin, Ursula K. ***Always Coming Home.*** Harper & Row, 1985. Complex portrayal of a yet-to-exist society in Northern California.

F Quinn Quinn, Daniel. ***Ishmael: An Adventure of the Mind and Spirit.*** Bantam, 1992. Records philosophical conversations that take place between a man and a gorilla.

S880: 1879 Robinson, Kim Stanley, ed. ***Future Primitive: The New Ecotopias.*** TOR, 1994. Notable short works of visionary fiction incorporate elements of primitivism and eco-anarchism.

SF Starhawk Starhawk. ***The Fifth Sacred Thing.*** Bantam, 1993. Ecofeminist's epic novel pits San Francisco utopia against Southern California dystopia.

SF Stewart Stewart, George Rippey. ***Earth Abides.*** Hermes, 1949. Classic of last man on earth after epidemic—and he lives in Berkeley!

DVDS

DVD 304.2 BARA ***Baraka.*** Magidson Films, Inc., 2001. Captures the harmony and the calamity that humans and nature have visited upon the Earth.

DVD 333.8232 END ***The End of Suburbia.*** Electric Wallpaper Co., 2004. Will the end of cheap and plentiful petroleum mean the end of suburbia as we know it?

DVD 338.1097 FED ***Fed Up!: Genetic Engineering, Industrial Agriculture and Sustainable Alternatives.*** Wholesome Goodness Productions, 2002. An entertaining and informative overview of America's contemporary food production system.

DVD 363.7387 GLOB ***Global Warming: What's Up With the Weather?*** WGBH Boston, 2000. Explores the possible relationship between rising global temperatures and extreme weather events.

DVD 508 PLAN ***Planet Earth: The Complete Series.*** BBC Video, 2007. A beautifully filmed nine hour exploration of the habitats and natural wonders of our world.

DVD 639.95 OIL ***Oil on Ice.*** Warner Home Video, 2005. Discusses conflict between the oil industry and environmentalists over the future of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

DVD 664.024 FUTU ***The Future of Food.*** Lily Films, 2004. Reveals the devastation genetically modified crops have wreaked upon farmers, crops, foods and communities, and shows new solutions.

DVD F DAY 2004 ***The Day After Tomorrow.*** Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, 2004. Climatologist Jack Hall must fight to survive the elements when global warming triggers the onset of a new Ice Age.