
Imagine “what the world could look like in 2040, if we all decided to start doing things differently, right now. The result is the era-defining documentary 2040 – a meticulously researched plea for the adoption of community-building, energy-generating, connection-forging, forest-renewing, ocean-replenishing measures ... [This book] shows us how we can stitch this magnificent vision into everyday life by engaging in activities such as cooking, shopping, gardening, sharing, working and teaching our kids.” – Back cover.


“This searing book takes apart the pivotal role of the Adani Carmichael mine in the conflict over coal. We see the rise of a fossil fuel power network linking mining companies, mining oligarchs, the big four banks, right-wing think tanks, lobby groups, the conservative media and all sides of Australian politics. On the other side, we have one of the biggest social movements ever seen in Australia in the form of #StopAdani uniting to try to save the Great Barrier Reef, native title rights and to fight the corrupt politics of coal.”– Back cover.


“We treat our atmosphere as a rubbish dump for our greenhouse gas emissions. Slowly but surely, what we are doing is changing Earth’s climate. Atmospheric cuts through the many voices raised around climate change to tell the story of our atmosphere, what is putting our climate at risk and what we can do about it.” – Back cover.


This book “tells the stories of the intertwined lives and writings of conservationists in early 20th-century Sydney. Their network included David Stead, Walter Burley Griffin, Charles Bean, Thistle Harris, Norman Weekes, Marie Byles, Myles Dunphy and Annie Wyatt, and each individual created some meaning in their life through their relationship with the environment. As conservationists they helped to shape the urban landscape they shared and many places of beauty in Sydney.” – Publisher website.


“The Australian green bans movement marks the first time in an industrialized country that a coalition of workers or unions has organized to withhold labor in the service of broader community interests.” – Book jacket.


“In the 1970s, a remarkable campaign stopped billions of dollars of indiscriminate development that would have turned Australian cities into brutalist concrete jungles and destroyed their heritage buildings. Enraging developers and politicians, but delighting many in the wider community, the members of the NSW Builders Labourers' Federation risked their jobs to preserve buildings, bush and parkland. A timely new introduction reconsiders the impact of the now iconic green bans movement at a moment when workers' organisations around the world are fighting back against overdevelopment and global warming more strongly than ever before.” – Back cover.


“Without the green bans movement of the 1970s, Sydney and many other cities would look very different. Pulling together an unlikely alliance of environmentalists and union players earned Jack Mundey a reputation as both the ‘best-known unionist and best-known conservationist in Australia’.” – Publisher website.

How did we get into this mess?: politics, equality, nature by George Monbiot. London: Verso, 2016. 909.8 MON

George Monbiot "assesses the state we are in: the devastation of the natural world, the crisis of inequality, the corporate takeover of nature, our obsessions with growth and profit and the decline of the political debate over what to do. While his diagnosis of the problems in front of us is clear-sighted and reasonable, he also develops solutions to challenge this politics of fear.” – Publisher website.
Environment

No one is too small to make a difference by Greta Thunberg. UK: Penguin Books, 2019. 363.7 THU

“In August 2018 a fifteen-year-old Swedish girl, Greta Thunberg, decided not to go to school one day. Her actions ended up sparking a global movement for action against the climate crisis, inspiring millions of pupils to go on strike for our planet, forcing governments to listen … Collecting her speeches that have made history across Europe, from the UN to mass street protests, No one is too small to make a difference is a rallying cry for why we must all wake up and fight to protect the living planet, no matter how powerless we feel.” – Publisher website.

On fire: the burning case for a green new deal by Naomi Klein. London: Allen Lane, 2019. 363.7 KLE

The “only way forward out of a polluted world of our own making is only through policy reform - a concrete set of actions to combat the mounting threat of total environmental catastrophe. What’s needed, she argues, is something with radical verve and guaranteed protections – in other words, a New Deal.” – Publisher website.

One planet, one health edited by Merrilyn Walton. The University of Sydney, NSW: Sydney University Press, 2019. 363.7 ONE

“One planet, one health provides a multidisciplinary reflection on the state of our planet, human and animal health, as well as the critical effects of climate change on the environment and on people. [It] argues that maintaining and restoring ecosystem resilience should be a core priority, carried out in partnership with local communities.” – Back cover.

Planet earth: inspirations and thoughts from a planet warrior by Bob Brown. Richmond, Vic: Hardie Grant Books, 2019. 363.7 BRO

“Since 1996, Bob has continued to take a courageous, and often politically lonely, stand on issues around the saving of our planet, whether they have a local or international focus … In 2010 Bob led the Australian Greens to a historic result with more than 1.6 million Australians voting for the Greens. This book is both an inspiration and a call to action: Bob Brown’s words are a clear message on the issues facing our planet yet his positive approach is an inspiration to us all.” – Back cover.


“An exhilarating and complete account of the Green Bans – one of the most important developments in union history. An uplifting film for the sheer energy of the people involved.” – John Hinde, ABC Radio.

Classification: PG

This changes everything: capitalism vs. the climate by Naomi Klein. London: Allen Lane, an imprint of Penguin Books, 2014. 363.7 KLE

“Forget everything you think you know about climate change. It’s not about carbon – it’s about capitalism. The good news is that we can seize this crisis to transform our failed economic system and build something radically better. In her most provocative book yet, Naomi Klein, author of the global bestsellers The shock doctrine and No logo, exposes the myths that are clouding the climate debate.” – Back cover.


This book “shows that it takes minds, muscles and conscious decisions to manage the land, to build a sustainable, organic alternative to industrialised farming. We must all work to conserve our most crucial assets: soil and water, and repair the havoc caused by land clearing, toxic chemicals, feral plants and animals. Each one of us, in our consumption choices and how we live influences the management of the land.” – Back cover.