

## **Introduction**

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# **THE TOP 50 SUSTAINABILITY BOOKS**

- 1 A Sand County Almanac** Aldo Leopold (1949)
- 2 Silent Spring** Rachel Carson (1962)
- 3 Unsafe At Any Speed** Ralph Nader (1965)
- 4 The Population Bomb** Paul L. Ehrlich (1968)
- 5 Operating Manual for Spaceship Earth** R. Buckminster Fuller (1969)
- 6 The Limits to Growth** Donella H. Meadows, Dennis L. Meadows, Jørgen Randers and William W. Behrens III (1972)
- 7 Small Is Beautiful** E.F. Schumacher (1973)
- 8 Gaia** James Lovelock (1979)
- 9 The Turning Point** Fritjof Capra (1982)
- 10 Our Common Future** ('The Brundtland Report') World Commission on Environment and Development (1987)
- 11 The Dream of the Earth** Thomas Berry (1988)
- 12 A Fate Worse Than Debt** Susan George (1988)
- 13 Staying Alive** Vandana Shiva (1989)
- 14 Blueprint for a Green Economy** David Pearce, Anil Markandya and Edward B. Barbier (1989)
- 15 For the Common Good** Herman Daly and John B. Cobb Jr (1989)
- 16 Human Scale Development** Manfred Max-Neef (1989)
- 17 Changing Course** Stephan Schmidheiny and Business Council for Sustainable Development (BCSD) (1992)
- 18 The Ecology of Commerce** Paul Hawken (1993)
- 19 Maverick** Ricardo Semler (1993)
- 20 When Corporations Rule the World** David C. Korten (1995)
- 21 Biomimicry** Janine M. Benyus (1997)
- 22 Cannibals with Forks** John Elkington (1997)
- 23 The Hungry Spirit** Charles Handy (1997)
- 24 Banker to the Poor** Muhammad Yunus (1998)
- 25 The Crisis of Global Capitalism** George Soros (1998)
- 26 Factor Four** Ernst von Weizsäcker, Amory B. Lovins and L. Hunter Lovins (1998)
- 27 False Dawn** John Gray (1998)
- 28 Development as Freedom** Amartya Sen (1999)
- 29 No Logo** Naomi Klein (1999)
- 30 Natural Capitalism** Paul Hawken, Amory B. Lovins and L. Hunter Lovins (1999)
- 31 Business as Unusual** Anita Roddick (2000)
- 32 The Mystery of Capital** Hernando de Soto (2000)
- 33 The Civil Corporation** Simon Zadek (2001)
- 34 Fast Food Nation** Eric Schlosser (2001)
- 35 The Skeptical Environmentalist** Bjørn Lomborg (2001)
- 36 Cradle to Cradle** William McDonough and Michael Braungart (2002)
- 37 Globalization and its Discontents** Joseph E. Stiglitz (2002)
- 38 The Corporation** Joel Bakan (2004)
- 39 Presence** Peter Senge, C. Otto Scharmer, Joseph Jaworski and Betty Sue Flowers (2004)
- 40 The Fortune at the Bottom of the Pyramid** C.K. Prahalad (2004)
- 41 The River Runs Black** Elizabeth C. Economy (2004)
- 42 Capitalism as if the World Matters** Jonathon Porritt (2005)
- 43 Capitalism at the Crossroads** Stuart L. Hart (2005)
- 44 Collapse** Jared Diamond (2005)
- 45 The End of Poverty** Jeffrey D. Sachs (2005)
- 46 The Chaos Point** Ervin Laszlo (2006)
- 47 Heat** George Monbiot (2006)
- 48 An Inconvenient Truth** Al Gore (2006)
- 49 When the Rivers Run Dry** Fred Pearce (2006)
- 50 The Economics of Climate Change** Nicholas Stern (2007)

## Conclusion

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