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  

27. False Dawn  
John Gray (1998)

Amartya Sen (1999)

29. No Logo  
Naomi Klein (1999)

30. Natural Capitalism  

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  

40. The Fortune at the Bottom of the Pyramid  

41. The River Runs Black  

42. Capitalisms 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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