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Visit Sunny Chernobyl and Other Adventures in the World's Most Polluted Places By Andrew Blackwell

Read by Bill Delaney

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Journalist/filmmaker vacations in seven polluted places, including Chernobyl, site of the 1986 Ukrainian nuclear disaster; Alberta, home of Canada's oil-sand mines; and India, where the Yamuna river is full of sewage and industrial runoff. Describes the environmental devastation and discusses the motivations of polluters and activists. Some strong language. 2012.

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Whole Earth Discipline an Ecopragmatist Manifesto By Stewart Brand

Read by Gregory Gorton

Reading time 12 hours, 39 minutes

Ecologist argues that climate change must be dealt with by the four major energy-using governments--America, China, the European Union, and India--and not just grassroots groups. Posits that urban density, nuclear power plants, biotechnology, and geoengineering, which environmentalists have distrusted, are essential to restoring Earth's ecological balance. Some strong language. 2009.

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The Weather of the Future: Heat Waves, Extreme Storms, and Other Scenes from a Climate-Changed Planet By Heidi Cullen

Read by Kerry Cundiff

Reading time 12 hours, 46 minutes

Climatologist discusses the art and science of long-term climate forecasting. Examines forty-year forecasts for seven locations that are physically vulnerable to climate change. Predicts that unless we actively work to reduce carbon emissions, weather conditions around the world will become unbearable. 2010.

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When Smoke Ran Like Water Tales of Environmental Deception and the Battle Against Pollution By Devra Lee Davis

Read by Kerry Cundiff

Reading time 12 hours, 24 minutes

Motivated by pollution-related deaths in her Pennsylvania hometown, a senior advisor to the World Health Organization analyzes the struggle for accountability and regulation of environmental polluters. Davis investigates the statistical link between toxic substances and health problems and exposes how industrial polluters deceive the public, manipulating scientists and government agencies. 2002.

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The World is Blue: How Our Fate and the Ocean's Are One By Sylvia A. Earle

Read by Kristin Allison

Reading time 9 hours, 58 minutes

Oceanographer and National Geographic Explorer in Residence explains the correlation between pollution and the ocean's deterioration. Warns that Earth is on the verge of a cataclysmic decline, unless we act quickly. Provides examples of the near-extinction of sea life and coral reefs and the rise of coastal dead zones. 2009.

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Forecast the Consequences of Climate Change, from the Amazon to the Arctic, from Darfur to Napa Valley By Stephan Faris

Read by Bill Wallace

Reading time 7 hours, 24 minutes

Journalist examines the ecological, social, and political effects of climate change as evidenced in worldwide events. Posits that global warming is responsible for third-world agricultural changes and subsequent land deterioration is a catalyst for regional conflicts. Also highlights environmental refugees, coastal insurance, diseases, and wine production. 2009.

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Hot, Flat, and Crowded Why We Need a Green Revolution--and How it Can Renew America By Thomas L. Friedman

Read by Patrick Downer

Reading time 20 hours, 8 minutes

Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and author of *The World Is Flat* (RC 60317) examines the contributions of global warming, population growth, and the rise of the middle class to Earth's instability. Urges the adoption of strategies for clean, efficient, renewable energy to improve the environment and revitalize America. Bestseller. 2008.

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The Great Disruption: Why the Climate Crisis will Bring on the End of Shopping and the Birth of a New World By Paul Gilding

Read by Bill Wallace

Reading time 12 hours, 31 minutes

Former head of Greenpeace examines the state of the environment and argues that the imminent crisis will disrupt our way of living--and propel us to replace our addiction to growth with an ethic of sustainability. Offers a "one-degree war" plan to achieve the rapid reduction of carbon emissions. 2011.

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How the Government Got in your Backyard Superweeds, Frankenfoods, Lawn Wars, and the (Nonpartisan) Truth about Environmental Policies By

Jeff Gillman

Read by Kerry Dukin

Reading time 11 hours, 1 minute

Horticulturalist Gillman and political scientist Heberlig seek to provide an objective assessment of environmental policies. They include an overview of current regulations and suggest what government should do about organic foods, pesticides, fertilizers, alternative energy, genetic engineering, invasive plants, and more. 2011.

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Unquenchable America's Water Crisis and What to do About it By Robert

Jerome Glennon

Read by Butch Hoover

Reading time 13 hours 22 minutes

Policy scholar examines the impact of waste and extravagances, such as Las Vegas casinos' fountain shows and pools, on the U.S. water supply. Cites several communities' water shortages and suggests ways to conserve resources by mediating conflicting demands. Includes analysis of groundwater contamination, agricultural uses, laws, and more. 2009.

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An Inconvenient Truth the Planetary Emergency of Global Warming and What We Can Do About It By Al Gore

Read by Jack Fox

Reading time 5 hours, 15 minutes

Companion volume to the Academy Award-winning best documentary feature film presents the former U.S. vice president's personal assessment of the dangers facing our physical world due to the climate crisis. Gore discusses symptoms of change--greenhouse gases, glacier and polar melt, bleaching of coral--and profiles scientists investigating these issues. 2006.

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Our Choice: a Plan to Solve the Climate Crisis By Al Gore

Read by Jon Huffman

Reading time 16 hours, 39 minutes

In this follow-up to *An Inconvenient Truth* (RC 67444, BR 17455), the former vice president evaluates alternative energy sources--solar, wind, geothermal, nuclear--and offers suggestions for conserving power and reducing humans' impact on the earth. 2009.

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The Swamp the Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise By

Michael Grunwald

Read by Jake Williams

Reading time 18 hours, 32 minutes

History of the Everglades ecosystem from its natural beginnings to later environmental destruction and eventual restoration projects. Describes the marsh's containment by developers and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and efforts to protect it by Marjory Stoneman Douglas and others. Compares the 1928 hurricane to 2005's Katrina. 2006.

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Storms of my Grandchildren the Truth About the Coming Climate

Catastrophe and Our Last Chance to Save Humanity By James C. Hansen

Read by Bill Wallace

Reading time 12 hours, 58 minutes

Climatologist and director of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies warns of a dire future plagued with devastating weather patterns. Advocates initiating steps to reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide to 350 parts per million. Includes discussion on political "greenwashing," climate-forcing agents, lobbyists' influence, and the science behind his predictions. 2009.

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The World According to Monsanto Pollution, Corruption, and the Control of the World's Food Supply By Robin Marie-Monique

Read by Terry Donnelly

Reading time 17 hours, 19 minutes

Award-winning investigative reporter examines Monsanto, the agribusiness corporation known for engineering such controversial products as DDT, Agent Orange, PCBs, and genetically modified organisms. Details the tactics that allow Monsanto to monopolize markets despite opposition in the courts and media. Originally published in French in 2008. 2010.

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A World Without Ice By H.N. Pollack

Read by Jim Zeiger

Reading time 11 hours, 46 minutes

Member of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and cowinner of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize discusses the relationship between ice, humankind, and climate change. The geophysicist warns that the risks of not addressing global warming include flooding, loss of drinking water, and more. Foreword by Al Gore. 2009.

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The Climate War True Believers, Power Brokers, and the Fight to Save the Earth By Eric Pooley

Read by Michael Kramer

Reading time 19 hours, 45 minutes

Deputy editor of Bloomberg BusinessWeek examines the American effort to reduce the effects of global warming from the perspectives of an executive of a coal-burning energy company, an octogenarian scientist, former U.S. vice president Al Gore, and others. Focuses on the politics and policies surrounding the climate issue. 2010.

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Listed Dispatches from America's Endangered Species Act By Joe Roman
Read by Bill Wallace Reading time 14 hours, 4 minutes
Discusses the history and efficacy of the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Examines cases resulting from conflict between conservation and economic development--such as that of the snail darter and the building of the Tennessee Valley's Tellico Dam--and argues that preserving biodiversity is worth the cost. 2011.

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The Polluters: the Making of Our Chemically Altered Environment By Benjamin Ross

Read by Jake Williams Reading time 8 hours, 56 minutes
Scientists examine the history of the chemical industry, pollution, and environmental laws and regulations. They describe the damaging effects of products like coal-smelter smoke, DDT, and asbestos that the authors contend were generated by Standard Oil, Dupont, and others. Covers big business's political agendas, influence, and longtime lobbying efforts. 2010.

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The Flooded Earth: Our Future in a World Without Ice Caps By Peter Douglas Ward

Read by Jon Huffman Reading time 12 hours, 42 minutes
Scientists examine the history of the chemical industry, pollution, and environmental laws and regulations. They describe the damaging effects of products like coal-smelter smoke, DDT, and asbestos that the authors contend were generated by Standard Oil, Dupont, and others. Covers big business's political agendas, influence, and longtime lobbying efforts. 2010.

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No Way Home: the Decline of the World's Great Animal Migrations By

David Samuel Wilcove

Read by Bill Wallace

Reading time 7 hours, 57 minutes

Ecologist examines the plight of monarch butterflies, wildebeests, salmon, sea turtles, songbirds, and other migratory species that undertake seasonal journeys between feeding, mating, or nesting grounds. Describes four main threats: habitat loss, man-made obstacles, overexploitation, and climate change. Calls for cooperation among international agencies to coordinate conservation efforts. 2008.

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