

## 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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