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BOOKS RECEIVED

American Earth: Environmental Writing Since Thoreau. Edited by Bill McKibben. New York: Penguin Group, 2008. Pp. 900. \$40.00 hardback. Gathering the best and most significant American environmental writing from the last two centuries, the words that made a movement.

Breaking the Ice: From Land Claims to Tribal Sovereignty in the Arctic. By Barry Scott Zellen. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2008. Pp. 450. \$90.00 cloth; \$44.95 paper. Discussing the major conflicts facing Alaskan Natives, from the struggle to regain control over their land claims to the Native alienation from the corporate structure and culture and the resulting resurgence in tribalism, and showing that, while the forces of modernism and traditionalism continue to clash, these conflicts are mediated by the structures of co-management, corporate development, and self-government created by the region's comprehensive land claims settlements.

Capitalizing on Catastrophe: Neoliberal Strategies in Disaster Reconstruction. Edited by Nandini Gunewardena & Mark Schuller. Lanham, MD: AltaMira Press, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2008. Pp. 288. \$85.00 cloth; \$32.95 paper. Focusing on the increasing trend to rely on the private sector to deal with natural disasters and other forms of large-scale devastation, from hurricanes and tsunamis to civil wars and industrial accidents.

Environmental Justice in Latin America: Problems, Promise, and Practice. Edited by David V. Carruthers. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2008. Pp. 330. \$25.00 paperback. Investigating the emergence of a distinctively Latin American environmental justice movement and offering analyses and case studies that examine both the promise and the limits of environmental justice in Latin America and the Caribbean, both as a rallying point for popular mobilization and as a set of principles for analysis and policy making.

Frontiers in Resource and Rural Economics: Human-Nature, Rural-Urban Interdependencies. Edited by JunJie Wu, Paul W. Barkley & Bruce A. Weber. Washington, DC: RFF Press, 2008. Pp. 266. \$41.95 paperback. Reviewing the past 50 years of scholarship in both natural resource and rural economics, contrasting their different intellectual and practical approaches, considering how they might be refocused in light of pressing demands on human and natural systems, and proposing a "new rural economics" that acknowledges the full range of human-ecosystem and urban-rural interdependencies.

The Impossible Land: Story and Place in California's Imperial Valley. By Phillip H. Round. Albuquerque, NM: University of New Mexico Press, 2008. Pp. 204. \$19.95 paperback. Seeking to liberate the Imperial Valley from vague,

romantic myths of the American West and revealing a land of promise, a land of failure, a land of progress, a land of pollution.

Just Seconds from the Ocean: Coastal Living in the Wake of Katrina. By William Sargent. Lebanon, NH: University Press of New England, 2008. Pp. 160. \$24.95 hardback. Examining the troublesome trends brought on by global warming of rising average levels of the sea and the average temperature of the ocean's water, more powerful tropical storms and hurricanes, and greater costs to human property and life and exposing the combination of environmental, political, and economic factors that combine to build or rebuild a community in harm's way.

Phylogeny and Evolution of the Mollusca. Edited by Winston F. Ponder & David R. Lindberg. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2008. Pp. 488. \$49.95 hardback. Providing a detailed, comprehensive, and up-to-date review of the evolutionary history of this fascinating group, the Mollusca.

Planet Earth Gets Well. By Madeline Kaplan; illustrated by Taillefer Long. New York: Madeline Kaplan, 2008. Pp. 20. \$15.99 paperback. Helping young readers think proactively about their environment and pinpointing how to initiate meaningful change in order to make Planet Earth a healthier place.

The Road to Sustainability: GDP and Future Generations. By Federico M. Pulselli, Simone Bastianoni, Nadia Marchettini & Enzo Tiezzi. Billerica, MA: WIT Press, 2008. Pp. 197. \$147 hardback. Presenting a view of sustainability that starts from the acknowledgement of physical conditions and limits that humans can no longer neglect, including some epistemological foundations of the concept of sustainability and an historical background.