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BOOKS RECEIVED

The Authentic Garden: Five Principles for Cultivating a Sense of Place. By Claire E. Sawyers. Portland, OR: Timber Press, Inc., 2007. Pp. 288. \$34.95 hardcover. Showing how America's tendency toward piecemeal borrowing of other national gardening traditions can be reversed and how Americans can create gardens that celebrate their region's local heritage, preserve the culture and native landscape, and are deeply rooted in their surroundings.

Bio-Diversity and Conservation: International Perspectives. Edited by A. Usha. Hyderabad, India: The Icfai University Press, 2007. Pp. 214. \$17.00 paperback. Focusing on the issues, policies, and international conventions dealing with biodiversity and conservation and presenting articles that deal with different aspects of biodiversity, collected from various sources and various parts of the world.

Breeding Major Food Staples. Edited by Manjit S. Kang & P.M. Priyadarshan. Oxford, UK: Blackwell Publishing, 2007. Pp. 456. \$169.99 hardcover. Reviewing current breeding research and innovative new technologies and their applications to staple crops such as rice, wheat, corn, potato, sweet potato, soybean, cassava, barley, and banana.

Building an Ark: 101 Solutions to Animal Suffering. By Ethan Smith, with Guy Dauncey. Gabriola Island, British Columbia: New Society Publishers, 2007. Pp. 288. \$24.95 paperback. Expanding on the global animal welfare movement to provide an inspiring look at practical solutions to end unnecessary animal suffering.

A Contract with the Earth. By Newt Gingrich & Terry L. Maple. Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press. Pp. 252. \$20.00 hardcover. Arguing that environmental stewardship is a mainstream value that transcends partisan politics, declaring a need for bipartisan environmentalism, and presenting a ten-point contract that promotes ingenuity over rhetoric as the way forward.

Encyclopedia of Tidepools and Rocky Shores. Edited by Mark W. Denny & Steven D. Gaines. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2007. Pp. 735. \$95.00 hardcover. Discussing the animals and plants that live in tidepools, the physics and chemistry of the rocky shore environment, the ecological principles that govern tidepools, and many other interdisciplinary topics.

Fuel for Free?: Waste Materials in Brick Making. By Kelvin Mason. Rugby, UK: Practical Action Publishing, 2007; distributed in the United States by Stylus Publishing, Herndon, VA. Pp. 162. \$31.95 paperback. Addressing the issues of energy use, the environmental impact of brickmaking, and the technologies of fuel substitution through case studies from Zimbabwe, Sudan, Sri Lanka, and Peru and exploring the possible alternative futures for brickmakers and the need to mobilize political support for enhanced energy efficiency and fuel substitution practices.

Guide to International Environmental Law. By Alexandre Kiss & Dinah Shelton. Leiden, The Netherlands: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2007. Pp. 314. \$50.00 hardback. Providing a general overview of why and how the international system elaborates environmental obligations and monitors compliance with them and discussing the relationship between international obligations and national and local law.

Kitchen Literacy: How We Lost Knowledge of Where Food Comes from and Why We Need to Get It Back. By Ann Vileisis. Washington, DC: Island Press, 2007. Pp. 344. \$26.95 hardcover. Offering a sensory-rich journey through two hundred years of making dinner and chronicling profound changes in how Americans have shopped, cooked, and thought about their food for five generations.

Law of the Sea, Environmental Law and Settlement of Disputes: Liber Amicorum Judge Thomas A. Mensah. Edited by Tafsir Malick Ndiaye & Rüdiger Wolfrum. Leiden, The Netherlands: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2007. Pp. 1186. \$493.00 hardcover. Covering a variety of topics in the fields of the law of the sea and the protection of the environment, with particular focus on the role and function of judicial, quasi-judicial, and administrative institutions in the prevention and settlement of disputes in both of these areas.

Life in the Valley of Death: The Fight to Save Tigers in a Land of Guns, Gold, and Greed. By Alan Rabinowitz. Washington, DC: Island Press, 2007. Pp. 244. \$25.95 hardcover. Telling a personal story of perseverance and sharing the realization of the parallels between the human condition and the fight for wildlife, both of which require constant attention and adaptation.

Mediation: Six Ways in Seven Days – Special Part of the Mediation Process. By Hans Boserup. Copenhagen, Denmark: DJØF Publishing, 2007. Pp. 264. \$67.00 paperback. Addressing the frequently asked question, "How come it is so difficult to mediate well when it looks so easy?" and showing that the answer lies in learning the art of mediation within a variety of shades and contours.

Multi-Stakeholder Platforms for Integrated Water Management. Edited by Jeroen Warner. Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2007. Pp. 281. \$99.95 hardback. Presenting case studies from both developed and developing worlds and taking a look at the phenomenon of multi-stakeholder platforms in water management and how they can make a difference, how they might successfully co-opt the public, private, and civil-society sectors, whether they can be sustainable, and suggesting improvements to ensure their durability.

NGO Diplomacy: The Influence of Nongovernmental Organizations in International Environmental Negotiations. Edited by Michele M. Betsill & Elisabeth Corell. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2007. Pp. 256. \$20.00 paperback. Presenting an analytic framework for the systematic and comparative study of NGO diplomacy in international environmental negotiations; offering researchers the tools with which to assess whether and how NGO diplomats affect negotiation processes, outcomes, or both; and identifying factors that explain variation in NGO influence.

No Way Home: The Decline of the World's Great Animal Migrations. By David S. Wilcove. Washington, DC: Island Press, 2007. Pp. 240. \$24.95 hardcover. Revealing a little-known side effect of climate change and environmental degradation, the decline of migration, and providing an important piece of the puzzle as scientists around the globe scramble to understand how wildlife conservation can be implemented to protect life on earth.

Over a Barrel: The Costs of U.S. Foreign Oil Dependence. By John S. Duffield. Palo Alto, CA: Stanford University Press, 2007. Pp. 290. \$27.95 hardcover. Providing the first comprehensive analysis of the costs, both economic and policy-related, of U.S. foreign oil dependence, reviewing the most promising options for reducing this dependence, and suggesting that at least as important as lowering the demand for oil will be rethinking and revising the burdensome external policies and commitments that have developed around U.S. foreign oil dependence.

Owens Valley Revisited: A Reassessment of the West's First Great Water Transfer. By Gary D. Libecap. Palo Alto, CA: Stanford University Press, 2007. Pp. 210. \$24.95 paperback. Carefully exploring the issues surrounding the reallocation of water to meet urban demands, considering alternative approaches to the Owens Valley transfer that might have yielded better results, and offering insights to guide the future of water politics.

Peak Everything: Waking Up to the Century of Declines. By Richard Heinberg. Gabriola Island, British Columbia: New Society Publishers, 2007. Pp. 224. \$24.95 hardcover. Addressing many of the cultural, psychological, and practical changes we will have to make as nature rapidly dictates our new

limits and touching on the most important aspects of the human condition at this unique moment in time.

Plant Desiccation Tolerance. Edited by Matthew A. Jenks & Andrew J. Wood. Oxford, UK: Blackwell Publishing, 2007. Pp. 312. \$200.00 hardcover. Providing an up-to-date review of the advances in plant desiccation tolerance research and potential applications that might be possible as our understanding of desiccation tolerance continues to expand.

Power to Save the World: The Truth about Nuclear Energy. By Gwyneth Cravens. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2007. Pp. 440. \$27.95 hardcover. Providing an eloquent and convincing argument for nuclear power as a safe energy source and an essential deterrent to global warming.

Protected Areas and International Environmental Law. By Alexander Gillespie. Leiden & Boston: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2007. Pp. 318. \$186.00 hardcover. Seeking to provide the reader with a clear understanding of the way that protected areas are created, listed, and managed in international law and providing a complete overview of the primary international and regional conventions in this area and the decisions and resolutions that have come from them.

The Sustainable Development Paradox: Urban Political Economy in the United States and Europe. Edited by Rob Krueger & David Gibbs. New York: Guilford Publications, 2007. Pp. 310. \$60.00 hardback; \$30.00 paperback. Examining sustainability conceptually and as it actually exists on the ground, with a particular focus on Western Europe and North America's urban contexts.

Water Library. By Basia Irland. Albuquerque, NM: University of New Mexico Press, 2007. Pp. 216. \$39.95 cloth. Presenting a holistic tribute to water by an interdisciplinary artist with a lifelong interest in water and ecological issues.