General Permaculture Books

Practical Permaculture for Home Landscapes, Your Community, and the Whole Earth. Jessi Bloom and Dave Boehnlein. Principles of permaculture, showing the design process, detailed information on the plants, water, waste, energy, shelter, food, animals, and structures. Filled with real-life examples from all over the world. 2015

(For my gardens photos within this book!)


The Permaculture Handbook. Peter Bane New Society Publisher 2012. The author’s time tested experience yields to this designer’s manual for the home gardener and farmer.


The Future is Abundant. Korn, Snyder and Musick, ed. Tilth. A guide to sustainable agriculture; OP, needs to be re-done, the first bioregional Pc handbook.


Introduction to Permaculture. Slay, Reny, and Mollison, Bill. Tagari 91 Tyalgum. The best intro, includes a concise listing of principles.

The Earth Care Manual: A Permaculture Handbook For Britain & Other Temperate Countries. Patrick Whitefield 04 A study of permaculture specifically for cooler climates. Detailed view of designing sustainable systems for large and small, urban, rural


The Permaculture City: Regenerative Design for Urban, Suburban and Town Resilience. Toby Hemenway 2015 Practical examples for creating abundant food, energy security, close-knit communities, local and meaningful livelihoods

The Bio-Integrated Farm: A Revolutionary Permaculture-Based System Using Greenhouses, Ponds, Compost Piles, Aquaponics, Chickens, and More. Shawn & Stephanie Jadrnicek 2016 Focus on: spending less time maintaining your homestead, increase productivity, decrease dependency on outside resources, extend your growing season

The Western (Aust) Permaculture Manual. Brown, David, ed. Corncopia, Subiaco, West Australia ‘89. From philosophy to nitty-gritty region specific, untidy early Pc from the trenches,


Permaculture for the Rest of Us: Abundant Living on Less than an Acre. Jenni Blackmore 2015 An entertaining, personal account of how permaculture can be practiced in adverse conditions, allowing anyone to learn to live more sustainably in a less-than-perfect world.

The Good Life: Helen and Scott Nearing

Gaviotas: A Village to Reinvent the World Alan Weisman

Chelsea Green 1995 Paolo Lugari co-builds a village based on science in Columbia

Solviva: How to Grow $500,000 on One Acre and Peace on Earth. Trailblazer Press 1998 One woman’s journey toward Sustainability

Ecology and Whole Systems


State of The World
‘Action is the Antidote to Despair’: Edward Abbey
State of the World Reports / Worldwatch Institute, Island Press
The series attempts to identify the planet’s most significant environmental challenges. Published annually on a specific topic.

Hope, Human and Wild: True stories of living lightly on the earth Bill McKibben. Milkweed Editions 2007. This optimistic book focuses on inventive solutions supporting sustainability from around the world

The Waking Up Syndrome by Sarah Anne Edwards and Linda Buzzell (article)
Is Earth past the tipping point?
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkkKZgKmdP4


Patterns


On Growth and Form. Thompson, D’arcy Wentworth. Dover, 1992. A magisterial text on how the shapes and patterns in nature are formed; a classic in the field.


Patterns That Connect: Social Symbolism in Ancient and Tribal Art, Schuster, Carl and Carpenter, Edmund, Abrams, NY, 1996. A synopsis of Carl Schuster’s life work, this book demonstrates a continuity of pattern from the oldest art known to recent tribal art and proposes that a common theme is genealogy and relationship. If culture is a major yet under developed part of permaculture, here is a link between pattern understanding and other better-known aspects of culture.


Design Process


The Climate Near the Ground Rudolf Geiger 2009
Classic text provides a clear and vivid description of the surface microclimate, its physical basis, and its interactions with the biosphere. 7th Edition

Systems Thinking
Thinking in Systems: A Primer. Donella Meadows 2008 Required reading for anyone hoping to run a successful company, community, or country. Learning how to think in systems is now part of change-agent literacy.

Reading Landscape
How to Read The Landscape. Patrick Whitefield Explains details, from the signs that wild animals leave, the meaning behind the shapes of different trees, to how whole landscapes, including woodland, grassland, and moorland, fit together and function as a whole 2014


Landscape Ecology, Richard T. Forman and Michael Gordon

The History of The Countryside. Rackham, Oliver. Weidenfeld and Nicolson, ‘95. About Britain; full of info about traditional land use.

What are People For? Berry, Wendell. Poet Berry is concerned equally with culture and agriculture.

The Spell of the Sensuous: Perception and Language in a More-than-Human World. Abram, David. Pantheon, ‘96 Catch this magician live if you can; good stuff for improving your observation skills.

Water, Ponds, Catchment, and Aquaculture
The Challenge of Landscape. P.A. Yeomans repro from F. Espriella, P.O. Box 206, Guinda, CA 95637. The development and practice of Keyline.

Fresh Water. E.C. Pielou University of Chicago 1998 Guided tour of fresh water on its course through the natural world. Understand the close connection between water and all forms of life.
_Living Water._ Olaf Alexandersson. Viktor Schauberger’s theories on water. Can be a bit ‘out there’ for some but an interesting read.

_Sensitive Chaos._ Theodore Schwenk. Combines the scientific and the esoteric for an excellent approach to how water interacts with life.

_The Water Atlas._ Robin Clarke and Jannet King. Excellent book on the basics of water


_Earth Ponds._ Matson, Tim. Countryman. Very available, and there is also a workbook. Misses much that you’ll find in McClarney, Yeomans and Nelson, but will help you avoid many mistakes.

_Farming in Ponds and Dams._ Romanowski, Nick. Lothian, ‘94. Real aquaculture stuff from an opinionated pro. Australian but current and useful nonetheless.

_The Freshwater Aquaculture Book._ McClarney, William. Hartley & Marks, ‘84 Extensive!


_Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands, Vol 1 & 2:_ Brad Lancaster 2007 Excellent resources for Harvesting water in any environments

_Water: A Primer._ Leopold, Luna. Freeman, ‘74. Intro to hydrology for designers working with streams and dams.

_Water For Every Farm._ P. A and Ken Yeomans. A revised guide to using the keyline system.


_Soil_

_Soil Primer: NRCS PA-1637_ Easy to understand soil basics Order: www.landcare@swcs.org


_Compost Tea Brewing Manual._ Ingham, Elaine.


_Soil and Health: An Agricultural Testament._ Howard, Sir Albert. Rodale, Emmaus, PA 1976. Written in the 1930s; 25 years of research by the man who coined the term “organic agriculture”

_Soil Management._ Dalzell, H.W., FAO, Rome, ‘87. “Compost production and use in tropical and subtropical environments” My favorite compost book because it covers production ag systems in places w/o machinery, very applicable to those of us working small-scale in the US.


_Worms Eat My Garbage: Mary Appelhof 1982_

_Greywater and Waste Management_

_The Composting Toilet System Book._ Del Porto, David and Steinfeld, Carol, CEPP, ‘99. Excellent reference on the subject by leaders in the field.

_Create an Oasis With Greywater._ Ludwig, Art. 5 San Marcos Trout Club Rd., Santa Barbara CA 93105 (805)967-3222. Art is a permaculturist who has developed household cleaners for greywater systems.


_Gardening, Farming, and Plant Guides_

_Botany In A Day_ Thomas J. Elpel’s 2000 Highest recommendation for anyone beginner or expert interested in plants.


Culture And Horticulture: A Philosophy Of Gardening Wolf Storl’s 1979: A comprehensive Biodynamic Garden Book


_Restoration Agriculture_ Mark Shepard, Explains how we can have all of the benefits of natural, perennial ecosystems and create agricultural systems that imitate nature in form and function while providing for our food, building, fuel and other needs - in your own backyard, farm or ranch. 2013

Sepp Holzer’s Permaculture: A Practical Guide to Small-Scale, Integrative Farming and Gardening. Sepp Holzer & Anna Sapsford-Francis 2011. By his examples, he describes how to create, and make a living from, a holistic farm system.


Paradise Lot: Two Plant Geeks, One-tenth of an Acre and the making of an Edible Garden Oasis in the City. Eric Toensmeier and Jonathan Bates 2013


The Craft and Art of Bamboo, Carol Stangler Sterling Publishing 2001. 30 Elegant projects to make for home and garden.


A Little Piece of Earth, How to Grow Your Own Food in Small Spaces Founder of City Dirt, Adventures in Urban Gardening. Maria Finn


Farmers of Forty Centuries. King, F.H. Rodale Emmaus, PA. Traditional Chinese agriculture by an early agro-tourist.


Four-Season Harvest. Coleman, Eliot. Chelsea Green, 1999. How to extend the growing season to the whole year, even in northern climates.

Fruit, Berry and Nut Inventory. Whealy, Kent, ed. Seed savers Exchange, RR3, Box 239 Decorah, Iowa 52101. a listing of all varieties available by mail in the US.

The Ghosts Of Evolution: Nonsensical Fruit, Missing Partners, And Other Ecological Anachronisms. Connie Barlow. How surviving plants are clues to vanished ecological relationships. For designing systems for humans and animals.


Greening the Garden. Jason, Dan New Society, ’91 A gardening book by the owner of Saltspring Seeds. A good emphasis on grains and legumes for the W. Coast Maritime climate.


High-Yield Gardening. Hunt, Marjorie. Rodale, 1986. A superb guide to extending the growing season, high-density planting, and getting more from the garden.


Uncommon Fruits for Every Garden, Lee Reich


North American Fruit Explorers Handbook. (NAFEX)

The One-Straw Revolution. Fukuoka, Masanobu. Rodale. Hard to find, but a crucial foundation text for Pc.

The Orchard Almanac. Steve Page and Joe Smillie. A seasonal guide to healthy fruit trees. Excellent reference on planting, pruning, fertilization, organic control of pests, restoring old fruit trees, IPM, resistant varieties, harvest and storage.


The Ruth Stout No-Work Garden Book. Stout, Ruth Rodale also, How to Have a Green Thumb Without an Aching Back. OP foundation texts of Pc gardening, deep mulching.


The Scythe Book. Tresser, David. By Hand and Foot, Ltd. Available now only from the Marug Co., Tracy City, TN; how to use and maintain a scythe.


Square Foot Gardening. Mel Bartholomew Rodale Press ’81. Lay-out, planting, maintaining intensive gardens.

Stalking the Wild Asparagus. Gibbons, Euell McKay N.Y. ’71. All his books are useful; Euell was managing his local wild ecologies long ago.

Wild Harvest: Domico

Subsistence Agriculture Improvement. Goeltenboth, Friedhelm, ed. Margraf, Weikersheim, ’90. “A manual for the humid Tropics”, it has an aid worker’s viewpoint, and thereby applicable to other climates as well.

Successful Small-Scale Farming: an organic approach. by Karl Schwenke, Storey, ’91. Good for some of the best of traditional and more modern field techniques, incl. using old equipment and good directions on contour terracing. Lots of illustrations.

Underexploited Tropical Plants with Promising Economic Value. National Academy of Sciences Wash. DC ’75.


Western Fruit, Berries and Nuts. Lance Walheim & Robert Stebbins.

Toward A Biologically Resilient Agriculture: H. MacCormack

Winter Gardening in the Maritime Northwest. Binda Colebrook. A guide to growing vegetables between October and May. Site selection, variety choices, when to plant and harvest. Explanation of common winter crop pests and diseases. Excellent resource!


Ecologist Online: ’10 reasons why organic can save the world’

The Book of Trees: Visualizing Branches of Knowledge Manual Lima Explores 800 years of Tree diagrams. Fantastic patterns.

Fields of Farmers: Interning, Mentoring, Partnering, Germinating Joel Salatin, 2013.

Seeds


The Seed Keepers. Vandana Shiva 1995

Biopiracy. Vandana Shiva. Biotech and what it is doing to seed savers.

The New Seed-Starters Handbook. by Nancy Bubel. 1988. Excellent guide to starting a variety of vegies, fruits, trees, grains, herbs, etc. Also on seed-saving.

Seed to Seed. Ashworth, Suzanne. Seed Saver’s Exchange, Rt. 3 Box 239 Decorah, Iowa 52101. Seed saving techniques for the vegetable grower.

Return To Resistance. Raoul Robinson. AgAccess. One of the most permaculturally correct books on plant breeding, entry-level in complexity.


Food Preservation &

Lost Arts; Lynn Alley Recipes, folklore how to cure olives, flavored vinegars, mustards, cheeses and more

Root Cellaring: Natural Cold Storage of Fruits and Vegetables; Mike & Nancy Bubel

The Botany of Desire: A Plant’s-Eye View of the World Michael Pollan 2002

The Omnivore’s Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals Michael Pollan 2006,

**Gardening to Attract Wildlife**

Coyote’s Guide to Connecting with Nature: Jon Young, Ellen Haas, and Evan McGown, exciting ways to connect children (and adults!) with nature. good medicine for nature-deficit disorder 2010

America’s Neighborhood Bats. Tuttle, Merlin. An entry level eco-action text.


The Hummingbird Garden. Tekulsky, Mathew. Crown, 1986. A guide to cultivating plants that attract these flying jewels; one of the best on the subject.


**Native Plants (Northwest USA)**

Gardening With Natives of the Pacific Northwest. Arthur Kruckenberg. Good descriptions NW plants, how to propagate and their landscape uses.

Beyond the War on Invasive Species: A Permaculture Approach to Ecosystem Restoration Tao Orion An alternative perspective on invasive species and the best practices for their management based on a holistic, permaculture-inspired framework. 2015

Handbook of Northwestern Plants. Gilkey. Complete book of plants native to the area from the summit of the Cascade Range to the coastline of WA and OR, to the south line of Lane County.

Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast. Pojar and Mackinnon. One of the best books for native plant ID, great color photos.


Tending the Wild, Kat Anderson; Native American Knowledge and the Management of California’s Natural Resources. 2013

**Hedgerows, Forests, and Tree Crops**


Farming With The Wild: Imhoff highlights farmers and ranchers who work to protect the environment and sustain family farmers. 2003

The Farm as A Natural Habitat: Reconnecting Food Systems with Ecosystems: Dana Jackson 2002


Naturescaping: Oregon Dept of Fish & Wildlife: Habitats, Plant lists to encourage insects, and other wildlife. 2001

Landscaping for Wildlife in PNW: Russell Link; Guide to assist in plant and other landscape elements to bring wildlife to your site 2001

Edible and Medicinal Plants of Canada: Lone Pine


Attracting Native Pollinators: Xerces Society 2011

Firewood Crops. National Academy of Sciences Wash. DC ’80. Shrub and tree species for energy production.


**Forest Gardening: Cultivating an Edible Landscape.** Hart, Robert. Chelsea Green, 1996. A personal account of forest garden design by one of the originators of the field.

**Forest Primeval.** Maser, Chris. The forest of the PNW, by a clear-thinking eco-forester.

**The Handbook for Fruit Explorers.** Fishman, Ram. North American Fruit Explorers, Rt. 1 box 94, Chapin, 11. 62628 (1986) free to new members- OP but may be re done.

**Hedging: A Practical Handbook.** BTCV British Trust For Conservation Volunteers ‘88 Wallingford, Oxfordshire. Excellent—tools, species and techniques. Best material on coppice, management and tree planting I have seen in one book.


**A Natural History of Western Trees.** Peattie, Donald Culross. Houghton Mifflin Boston, ‘53 Stories and illustrations, a bit of ecology; the N. H. of Eastern Trees volume is equally good but he died before completing N. H. of Southern Trees

**The Redesigned Forest.** Maser, Chris R & E Miles. San Pedro,’88. Forestry, old and new, in the Northwest.


**Saving Our Ancient Forests.** Zuckerman, Seth Living Planet Press L.A. ‘91. Written to a high school level, fresh style.

**Seeing the Forest Among the Trees.** Hammond, Herb, Polestar, Vancouver, ‘91. Herb is the holistic forestry consultant in BC and this is his book for the public at large. Good “invisible structure” social info.


**Trees on The Treeless Plains.** Holmgren, David. ‘94. Recommended for designers doing broadscale work, this book is about Victoria and so the climate is not inappropriate for PNW conditions. I recommend any of Holmgren’s writings.

**Wildwood: A Forest Farm for the Future.** Ruth Loomis. Pacific Certified Ecological Forest Products Institute for Sustainable forestry PO Box 1580 Redway, Ca. 95560

**Mushroom**

**Mycelium Running: How Mushrooms Can Help Change the World.** Paul Stamets 2005

**Mushrooms Demystified David Arora Most complete field guide and reference book with over 950 photos 1986**

**Growing Gourmet and Medicinal Mushrooms.** Paul Stamets 2000


**All That the Rain Promises and More: A Hip Pocket Guide to Western Mushrooms.** David Arora Color illustrated guide to identifying 200 Western mushrooms by their key features.

**Insects**

**Biological Control of Insects and Mites.** N.C.R.481. University of Wisconsin. Coop./ Ext. Publication. 30 Murray St. Rm. 345 Madison, WI. 53715-2609 $9.00 An Introduction to beneficial natural enemies

**The Bug Book.** Olkowski. Easy to understand book on bugs-lifecycles, beneficials. Excellent, often found used.


**Handbook for Butterfly Watchers.** Robert Michael Pyle, Houghton Mifflin, Boston ‘84. Butterflies as indicator species

**Natural Enemies Handbook: The Illustrated Guide to Biological Pest Control.** Mary Louise Flint and Steve Dreistadt. “Best ever” practical guide to insect control. This book will help you find, identify, and use natural enemies to control pests in almost any agricultural setting.

**Encyclopedia of Natural Insect and Disease Control.** Yepson, Roger, ed. Rodale,1984. Natural pest

**The Orchard Mason Bee.** Brian Griffin Knox Cellars 1607 Knox Ave. Bellingham, WA 98225 (306) 733-3283 Good little book on Mason Bees. Also, provider of Adult blue orchard bees (Osmia lignaria) along with nesting material and educational products.


**Animals**

**Barnyard in Your Backyard A Beginner’s Guide to Raising Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Rabbits, Goats, Sheep, and Cows:** Gail Damerow: One of the all in one, best books on animals. 2002

**Twilight of the Mammoths: Ice Age Extinctions and the Rewilding of America,** Martin, Paul S. U of California, Berkeley, 2005 An accessible yet scholarly illustrated summary of Paul Martin’s work on how the world’s megafaunas were decimated or eliminated and a proposal that we humans do what we can to change our situation.


**The American Minor Breeds Notebook.** Heise &Christman. The American Minor Breeds Conservancy POB 477, Pittsboro, NC 27312 rare livestock with unique characteristics


**The Complete Herbal Handbook for Farm and Stable.** de Bairacli Levy, Juliette Faber and Faber Boston, ‘90. A look at traditional knowledge and the importance of plant diversity to animals.

**The Family Cow.** van Loon, Dirk. Garden Way

**The Forgotten Pollinators.** Buchman, Steve, and Nabhan. Island,
‘96. Stories about ecology through the window of pollination, a crucial link. I recommend any of Gary Nabhan’s books, which mostly center on the Sonoran desert; this one is of world-wide urgent importance.


*Grass Productivity* Voisin, Andre. A primary text for rotational grazing.

*The Home Duck Flock*. Holderread, Dave The Hen House Corvallis, OR ’78 a local expert on waterfowl.

*Keepers of the Game*. Calvin Luther

*The Last Ranch*. Bingham, Sam. A year in the San Luis Valley of Colorado, centering on a few ranchers applying Holistic Resource Management methods. Well-written by the author of the HRM Workbook, it begins with a quote from Permaculturist Michael Crowfoot: “Not only are ecologies more complex than we imagine, they are more complex than we can imagine” Very highly recommended.

*Microlivestock*. N A P ‘91 “Little-known small animals with a promising economic future”

*A Natural History of Domesticated Animals*. by Juliet Clutton-Brock. All you could want to know about the wild ancestors of all the domesticated animals of the world. With extensive references, this book is very useful if you are designing low-input systems with animals.

*Pastured Poultry Profits*. Joel Salatin. Production model describes how to produce an income from small acreage raising poultry. He tells how anyone can earn $25,000 in 6 months on 20 acres.

*The Power of Duck: Integrated Rice and Duck Farming*. by Takao Furuno 2001, 94 pp. + 4 color plates, $24 + 10% p&h, Permaculture Activist, PO Box 1209 Black Mountain, NC 28711


*Salad Bar Beef*. Joel Salatin This proven system can yield a superb profit from a small cow herd regardless of the commodity price of calves.

*The Tender Carnivore and the Sacred Game*. Paul Shepard. Deep thinking and poetic writing about our need for relationships with animals; good for countering anti-meat food dogma.

*The Third Chimpanzee*. Diamond, Jared. I recommend all of Diamond’s books because of his wide range of knowledge, which includes genetics, birds, language and owes much to his long involvement in research in New Guinea, the area with the greatest human cultural diversity.

**Shelter**


*Bioshelters, Ocean Arks, and City Farming*. Jack and Nancy Todd

*Build It With Bales*. Myhrman & Mac Donald Out on Bale,1997

*The Cob Builders Handbook*. Becky Bee Groundworks PO Box 14194, Portland, Or. 97293

*Earth Building & The Cob Revival*, and *The Cobbler’s Companion*. Ianto Evans, Michael Smith. PO Box 123 Cottage Grove, Or 97424

*Handbook: Mechanical and Electrical Equipment for Building*. John Reynolds


*The Owner-Built Home*. Ken Kern. Scribner’s, ’72 A classic on innovative design and techniques for building your own house. Any of Kern’s books (Owner-Built Homestead, Pole-Frame House) is well worth finding.

*A Straw Bale Primer*. S.O. MacDonald How to Build w/ great illustrations

*How Buildings Learn* Stewart Brand strategy for constructing adaptive buildings: design, materials, budgeting to allow for continuous adjustment and maintenance. 1994

*Places Of The Soul: Architecture And Environmental Design As A Healing Art*. Christopher Day Presents buildings as environment, intrinsic to their surroundings, and offers architectural design principles for the soul 2004

**Appropriate Technology**

*The Composting Toilet System Book*. Carol Steinfeld. The most complete book on the subject’s state of the art that I’ve seen.


*The Integral Urban House: Self-Reliant Living in the City*. Helga and Bill Olkowski 1979 Guide to ‘integral’ home design, focusing on energy conservation.

*Solar Water Heating:: A Comprehensive Guide to Solar Water and Space Heating Systems* Bob Ramlow 2006 Reviews the history of solar water and space heating systems, presents the basics of solar water heating, introduction to modern solar energy systems, energy conservation and energy economics.

*Handmade Hot Water Systems* Art Sussman and Richard Frazier A very clear practical treatise on how to heat water with wood and solar.

*Microhydro: Clean Power from Water & Serious Microhydro* Scott Davis. dozens of firsthand stories of energy independence covering a complete range of systems, from household pressure sites to higher pressure installations capable of powering a farm, business, or small neighborhood. 2010

*Eco-Cities to Living Machines: Principles of Ecological Design* Nancy Jack Todd John Todd Oceanarks.org Restoration of pure water, bioremediation of wild aquatic environments, food productivity
Traditional Ecological Knowledge


Native peoples were cultivating plants well before European contact. Papers detailing what was and is done.


Teaching/Children and Nature


Life Lab, Growing Adventure. Life Lab Science Program 1156 High St. Santa Cruz, Ca. 95064 (408)459-2001 In and outdoor science activities

The Long Haul. Horton, Miles, Anchor, NY, ’90 Autobiography of a union and civil right organizer who founded the Highlander School. As he retired the school was becoming involved in bioregional land control and ecology issues. Good for teachers- aren’t we all?


The Usborne Complete First Book of Nature. Michael Chinery et.al. Usborne Ltd. Belgium Publishing Ltd. 1990. Beautifully detailed illustrations of plants and animals. A serious nature study for the young and old. I had to special order this but found it one of the best children’s nature books available.


Community

Resilience, Community Action & Societal Transformation: People, Place, Practice, Power, Politics & Possibility in Transition

Dr. Thomas Henfrey, Gesa Maschkowski and Dr. Gil Penha-Lopes A unique collection bridging research, theory and practical action to create more resilient societies. 2017

The Change Handbook, Peggy Holman, Tom Devane and Steven Cady 2007 How communities can create positive change through systemic approach and improvement in communications

CoHousing. McCamant and Durrent. Habitat/Ten Speed, ’92. The book that brought the Scandinavian movement to popularity in the US. Lots of interviews and good design stories.

Intentional Communities. Communities Publication Cooperative 105 Sun Street Steele Illinois, 60919. This book explains what communities are, how to choose a community, social action, personal growth through community, ideas for decision making, community economics, land trusts, and networking.


Superbia: 31 Ways To Create Sustainable Neighborhoods

Daniel Chiras

Building Communities From The Inside Out: A Path Toward Finding And Mobilizing A Communities’ Assets. John Kretzmann

Designing for Disaster

Disaster Operations And Decision Making Rodger Huder: Focuses on crisis decision making and the creation of systems and procedures needed to carry out those decisions. 2011

A Paradise Built in Hell: The Extraordinary Communities that Arise in Disaster: Rebecca Solnit An impassioned challenge to the social meaning of disasters 2009

Economics


The Town That Food Saved: How One Community Found Vitality In Local Food Ben Hewitt. A group of ambitious young agricultural entrepreneurs, agripreneurs, created regionalized food-based enterprises and changed the town of Hardwick, Vt.

Food Sovereignty: Reconnecting Food, Nature, And Community

Edited By Hannah Wittman Food Sovereignty systems would provide for the food needs of all people while respecting environmental sustainability, local empowerment and agrarian citizenship.

Beyond Growth: The Economics Of Sustainable Development

Herman Daly Beacon Press, 1996 Turning economics inside out by putting the earth and its diminishing natural resources at the center
Planning Local Economic Development: Theory and Practice
Explores the theories of local economic development while addressing the issues and opportunities faced by cities, towns, and local entities to craft their economic destinies within the global economy.

Prosperity without Growth: Economics for a Finite Planet
Tim Jackson 2011. A credible vision of how human society can flourish within the ecological limits of a finite planet.

Finding and Buying Your Place In the Country
Dearborn Financial Publishing 1992. Classic land buying guide; includes useful property evaluation lists

Nine Steps to Financial Freedom

Small Is Beautiful: Economics as if People Mattered
F. Schumacker Harper Collins. The author recommends decentralized localized life styles. He outlines a series of proposals intended to save the planet from economic and environmental collapse.

Your Money or Your Life: Transforming Your Relationship with Money and Achieving Financial Independence
Joe Dominguez Penguin, USA 1993. The focus is on finding satisfaction with your life—Recommends how to save money on all aspects of living.

The Small-Mart Revolution: How local businesses are beating global competition
Michael Shuman

Permeconomy: In Search of a Sustainable World Economic System
Miles Alexander Phillips: Balance Publishing; Canada 2005. Reviews economic and financial systems, offering new insights of ways to make the transition from our current system to more sustainable ones.

Income Production- Right Livelihood

The Element: Finding Your Passion Changes Everything
Sir Ken Robinson Penguin/Viking 2009 The point at which natural talent meets personal passion. It is the essential strategy for transforming education, business, and communities in the twenty-first century.

Rebirth of the Small Family Farm
Bob and Bonnie Gregson. IMF Associates, PO Box 2542, Vashon Island, WA. 98070. A handbook for starting a successful organic farm based on the Community Supported Agriculture concept.

Marketing Without Advertising

You Can Farm: The Entrepreneur’s Guide to Starting and Succeeding in a Farming Enterprise

The Complete Guide to Growing & Selling Microgreens
Luke Miller Callahan Published: Localbusinessplans.com

Urbanism

The Ecology of Urban Habitats

Green Urbanism:
Timothy Beatly Developing cities to take an ecological look at whole systems

The Urban Homestead: Self-sufficient-Process-Self-reliance
Kelly Coyne, Erik Knutzen
Toolbox for Sustainable City Living: A do-it-Ourselves Guide

The Transition Handbook: From Oil Dependency to Local Resilience
Rob Hopkins 2008 Transition Towns is the way to engineer resilience into our communities before the last energy crisis descends. www.transitionculture.org & www. relocalize.net

Ecocities: Rebuilding cities in balance with Nature
Richard Register 2006

Inspirational

The Greening of the Revolution: Cuba’s Experiment with Organic Agriculture
Peter Rosset and Medea Benjamin. Ocean Press, 2017 Mission Street S.F. Ca. 94110. 1994. Cuba has lost its sources for conventional farming, empty city lots and other available land is being converted to organic gardens

Radical Agriculture

The Unsettling of America, and The Gift of the Land, and What Are People for?. Wendell Berry. Just a few of the books by this prolific poet, visionary, and humanistic author.

Women , Ecology, and Development

Miscellaneous in No Particular Order

The Ages of Gaia
Lovelock, James. Bantam NY/Toronto ‘90. 2nd book on the Gaia hypothesis by the originator, answers the questions raised by the Gaia Hypothesis.

The Earth Manual
Margolin, Malcom. Heyday Books, Berkeley, ’85. good except the out-of-date tree surgery stuff; largely about working with public land.

Ecodefense
Foreman, Dave, and Haywood, ed. Ned Ludd. Tucson, AZ ‘87. A field guide to monkeywrenching; may be hard to find! Realistic and cautionary about consequences, and recommended for those feeling eco-angered.

Five Kingdoms
Margulis, Lynn. Current wisdom on Gaia’s lifeforms.

The Future Eaters
War and Peace and War: The Rise and Fall of Imperial Nations, Turchin, Peter. The patterns in history as observed by a professor active in a new field in history. Good for prioritizing social action.

The Klamath Knot. Wallace, David Rains. Sierra Club '83 S.F. “Explorations of Myth and Evolution” and centered on a region of the PNW.


The Songlines. Chatwin, Bruce. Ruminations from Australia about humans as essentially nomadic.


A Beginner's Guide To Constructing The Universe: Mathematical Archetypes Of Nature, Art, And Science Michael S. Schneider


Cookbooks


Eat-a-bug cookbook: 40 ways to cook crickets, grasshoppers, ants, water bugs, spiders, centipedes, and their kin, David George Gordon 2013

Tells how to properly marinate your cockroaches for that perfect flavor and more.


Downloadable PDF's

http://www.soilandhealth.org/

The Keyline Plan by PA Yeomans
http://www.soilandhealth.org/01aglibrary/010125yeomans/010125toc.html

The Challenge of Landscape by PA Yeomans
http://www.soilandhealth.org/01aglibrary/010126yeomansII/010126toc.html

The City Forest by PA Yeomans
http://www.soilandhealth.org/01aglibrary/010127yeomansIII/010127toc.html

http://www.rainbowbody.net/finailempire/

Tree Crops: A Permanent Agriculture by J. Russell Smith
http://journeytoforever.org/farm_library/smith/treecropsToC.html

These are misc tidbits of info that you may find helpful. If you would like your site added to this list let me know:

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Web Resources:

Cascadia Permaculture: www:cascadiapermaculture.com
Aprovecho Institute: www.aprovecho.net
Permaculture Rising: www.permaculturering.com
Permaculture International: www.permacultureinternational.org
Permacultura America Latina http://www.permacultura.org
Permaculture Association; UK: https://www.permaculture.org.uk
International Institute for Ecological Agriculture (IIEA): www.permaculture.com
Rocky Mountain Permaculture Institute: www.crmpi.org
Green Phoenix: www.green-phoenix.org [NYC-based]
Permaculture Research Institute: www.pricoldclimate.org
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Technical Resources:

National Center for Appropriate Technology: www.attra.ncat.org
Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond: http://harvestingrainwater.com/

Plant Savers: www.plantsavers.org
New Forests Project: www.newforestsproject.com
Edible Forest Garden Process www.edibleforestgardens.com
Soil Food Web International: www.sfi.com
Stamets, P.: www.fungiperfecti.com
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Free career help, business training, organizational development - inspirational, innovative ideas, materials, exercises, tools, templates - ethical, free and fun.

Periodicals

The Permaculture Activist (US): www.permacultureactivist.net
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