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A Letter to My Grandchildren

Details the history of the study of genetics, from Mendel's discoveries to the decoding of the human genome, and explains the fundamentals of genetics, the function of genes, and DNA manipulation.

The David Suzuki Reader

Are we going too fast to stop? Is there another way? In this new collection of essays David Suzuki points the way to a slower way of life in tune with the Earth and its riches. As we rush towards the end of the millennium, we find ourselves in a time of unprecedented change and growth -- in population, in consumerism, in pollution, in information exchange. Are these changes happening too fast? Is it too late to stop and assess? In these essays, David Suzuki takes stock and points the way to a brighter future and a world that we can proudly leave to our children and grandchildren. He looks unflinchingly at the forces that have driven us to the edge: globalization, political shortsightedness, greed, and willful blindness. And he looks at the places from which we should take strength and hope: nature, nurturing of the Earth, local initiatives, children.

Earth Time

A renowned scientist restores hope for a better future with his latest views on environmental challenges. In this latest

offering from David Suzuki, the well-known scientist, author, and broadcaster explores the interconnectedness of the world's myriad environmental challenges. The solutions are there, he argues; we just need the will to act together to bring about change. Suzuki delves into such provocative topics as the difference between human hunters and other predators, our dependence on the sun, and what we must learn from Japan's recent reactor meltdown. He also doesn't avoid controversial opinion, especially when it comes to taking on those who stand in the way of resolving serious issues like climate change. Everything Under the Sun includes telling facts and stats, the latest scientific findings, and examples of the positive actions people are taking today toward protecting what we have. Underpinning it all is the recognition that Earth gives us everything we require to live, under a sun that provides the energy to produce food, transport, and all of our modern conveniences. Published in partnership with the David Suzuki Foundation.

David Suzuki Asks Did You Know about Food and Feeding?

Everyone knows that the planet is in trouble, but is there a solution? This timely book identifies the most effective ways individuals can be more green in four key areas: home, travel, food, and consumerism. It also describes how citizens can ensure that governments take the actions necessary to make sustainable lifestyles the norm instead of the exception. Environmental lawyer David Boyd and celebrated ecologist David Suzuki provide vital tips for choosing a home, creating a healthy indoor environment, and decreasing energy and water use — and utility bills. They discuss what readers can do to drive and fly less, profile the most environmentally friendly transportation choices, and explain how to purchase carbon credits, among other suggestions. In addition, they offer simple changes individuals can make in their diet to eat fresher, tastier, healthier food. Included too is invaluable advice about how to buy fewer things and avoid toxic consumer products.

The Secret of Life

In this extensively revised and enlarged edition of his best-selling book, David Suzuki reflects on the increasingly radical changes in nature and science — from global warming to the science behind mother/baby interactions — and examines what they mean for humankind's place in the world. The book begins by presenting the concept of people as creatures of the Earth who depend on its gifts of air, water, soil, and sun energy. The author explains how people are genetically programmed to crave the company of other species, and how people suffer enormously when they fail to live in harmony with them. Suzuki analyzes those deep spiritual needs, rooted in nature, that are a crucial component of a loving world. Drawing on his own experiences and those of others who have put their beliefs into action, *The Sacred Balance* is a powerful, passionate book with concrete suggestions for creating an ecologically sustainable, satisfying, and fair future by rediscovering and addressing humanity's basic needs.

Nature in the Home

• Winner of the BC National Award for Non-Fiction • Nominated for the Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction and the 2011 Hilary Weston Writer's Trust Award. During Charlotte Gill's 20 years working as a tree planter she encountered hundreds of clear-cuts, each one a collision site between human civilization and the natural world, a complicated landscape presenting geographic evidence of our appetites. Charged with sowing the new forest in these clear-cuts, tree planters are a tribe caught between the stumps and the virgin timber, between environmentalists and loggers. In *Eating Dirt*, Gill offers up a slice of tree-planting life in all of its soggy, gritty exuberance while questioning the ability of conifer plantations to replace original forests, which evolved over millennia into intricate, complex ecosystems. Among other topics, she also touches on the boom-and-bust history of logging and the versatility of wood, from which we have devised countless creations as diverse as textiles and airplane parts. She also eloquently evokes the wonder of trees, our slowest-growing "renewable" resource and joyously celebrates the priceless value of forests and the ancient, ever-changing relationship between humans and trees.

David Suzuki Asks Questions

David Suzuki Talks about AIDS

Just Cool It!

When rain keeps Jamey and Megan from taking their nature walk with their father, they learn that nature is not just outside, but it is all around them--even indoors

Good News for a Change

David Suzuki, a Canadian biologist and environmentalist of Japanese descent, and Keibo Oiwa, an anthropologist raised in Japan but of Korean descent, journeyed through Japan in 1995 interviewing people known for their grassroots activities in peace, human rights, and the environment. They discovered a Japan more diverse than the monoculture they initially envisioned.

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Answers all the questions the reader ever had about food and eating. Presented in a comic-book style from the author of Nature in the Home and the Looking at series.

Genethics

Explores our natural connection to the earth and its four elements, air, water, soil, and fire, underlining the importance of biodiversity and respect for the environment.

Inventing the Future

One of the leading environmentalists in the country explores a wide range of issues, including globalization, greed, and political cowardice, while warning against blind faith in technology, economics, and politics. Original.

The Legacy

Dodging the Toxic Bullet presents workable strategies that show how we can live longer, healthier lives by breathing clean air, eating healthy food, drinking safe water, and using non-toxic products. Author David R. Boyd provides accessible background on a range of hazards including mercury in fish, carcinogens in cleaning products, lead in toys, and lethal E. coli in ground beef. His clear directions for reducing risk include growing lots of houseplants, choosing whole foods, avoiding consumer products with strong or long-lasting smells, and using green cleaning products. Easy-to-follow advice and informative sidebars and checklists make this a must-have guide, especially for parents of infants and children.

A Passion for This Earth

In this edition of their bestseller, the sequel to the best-selling Good News for a Change, authors David Suzuki and Holly Dressel provide the latest inspiring stories about individuals, groups, and businesses that are making real change in the world. More Good News features the most up-to-date information about critical subjects, such as energy and the economy, not covered in the previous edition. These stories offer compelling proof from the front lines that sustainable solutions already exist.

The Sacred Balance

DNA's power is global - it has orchestrated the history of life on earth for three and a half billion years. Yet its touch is intimate - it determines your chances of getting cancer, the amount of cholesterol in your father's blood, and the color of your daughter's eyes. Over the past three decades, advances in our knowledge of DNA have transformed our understanding of the living world and reached into every corner of biological research. Already the rewards of this new biology have been extraordinary - genetically engineered crops, a deeper understanding of evolutionary theory, and nearly every advance in the struggle against AIDS. But molecular biology, through abilities that draw us ever closer to "playing God" with DNA, also raises awesome ethical and moral questions that didn't exist a half-century ago. The Secret of Life takes both the newly curious and the seasoned biology reader on a guided tour of this ongoing scientific revolution and its impact on our daily lives. Biologist and science writer Joe Levine and geneticist David Suzuki reveal how scientists' ability to crack and manipulate the genetic code - learning which genes do what and how - is transforming medicine, especially the treatment of inherited diseases. They show us how this knowledge is leading to experimental treatments such as gene therapy - molecular surgery with the power to cure and alter the next generation. They introduce us to the brave new world of "designer" plants and transgenic animals like Tracy (a ewe whose genetically altered mammary glands secrete valuable proteins into her milk), and to the controversies over altering these living creatures for human benefit. And they examine the contentious field of human behavioral genetics, asking whether it is reasonable to suggest that genes can fine-tune subtle aspects of personality and be linked to complex conditions such as alcoholism and schizophrenia. Through tales of scientific discovery, personal case studies, engaging histories, and careful scrutiny of both the facts and misconceptions behind the headlines, the authors explore the ethical and political challenges presented by the power of this new science. A companion to the acclaimed 8-part PBS television series, their book expands on the issues presented in the series while retaining its accessible style. In an age when science informs the most personal choices in our lives, The Secret of Life prepares readers to act as knowledgeable citizens in debates that demand the widest possible participation.

Wisdom of the Elders

Reflections on Science, technology and nature - the pain of animals - genetics and society - our fragile democracy - dancing on racism's grave; The lesson of Japan - the prostitution of Academia - how educators have failed - the ecosystem as capital - the rape of the Amazon; The future; borrowing from the children - showdown in Brazil - Aboriginal people and the land; Acid rain - rain forests - deforestation - population.

It's a Matter of Survival

Beginning in the late 1980s, a series of improbable bark beetle outbreaks unsettled iconic forests and communities across western North America. An insect the size of a rice kernel eventually killed more than 30 billion pine and spruce trees from

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Alaska to New Mexico. Often appearing in masses larger than schools of killer whales, the beetles engineered one of the world's greatest forest die-offs since the deforestation of Europe by peasants between the eleventh and thirteenth centuries. The beetle didn't act alone. Misguided science, out-of-control logging, bad public policy, and a hundred years of fire suppression created a volatile geography that released the world's oldest forest manager from all natural constraints. Like most human empires, the beetles exploded wildly and then crashed, leaving in their wake grieving landowners, humbled scientists, hungry animals, and altered watersheds. Although climate change triggered this complex event, human arrogance assuredly set the table. With little warning, an ancient insect pointedly exposed the frailty of seemingly stable manmade landscapes. Drawing on first-hand accounts from entomologists, botanists, foresters, and rural residents, award-winning journalist Andrew Nikiforuk, investigates this unprecedented beetle plague, its startling implications, and the lessons it holds.

Metamorphosis

David Suzuki's lifelong work as an environmentalist, naturalist, and scientist have influenced countless others in their fight to save the planet, 20 such devotees of them have contributed to this inspiring collection. These journalists, scientists, writers and environmentalists have taken their enthusiasm for Suzuki's philosophy and funneled it into their own personal recollections, manifestos, and essays: Rick Bass describes his love for the Yaak Valley in Montana; Richard Mabey takes readers to a moonlit May evening in Suffolk; David Helvarg tells us of a stirring seaside memory from his childhood. No matter what journey these writers take us on, the unifying theme of their work is always the same: a deep and abiding love of nature — inspired and shared by David Suzuki.

More Good News

This lively collection of fascinating facts and fables, colorful cartoons, and dynamic illustrations explains how everything on Earth is connected. Since its original publication, concern for the environment has grown, and although environmental damage has increased, so too have "green" strategies. This new edition reflects these changes, with expanded discussion of environmental issues and new technologies, as well as many more activities. New sidebars offer extra facts, tips, and real-life examples of things other budding ecologists have done to make the world a better place.

David Suzuki's Green Guide

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The good news about the difference that citizens and private companies can and are making in sustaining our environment by award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster David Suzuki.

The David Suzuki Reader, 2nd Edition

An exclusive excerpt of one letter from David Suzuki's forthcoming book *Letters to My Grandchildren*. In the book, Suzuki offers grandfatherly advice to his five grandchildren, recounts stories from his own childhood, and explores what makes life meaningful. As he ponders life's deepest questions and offers up a lifetime of wisdom, Suzuki inspires us all to live with courage, conviction, and passion. All proceeds from the sale of this exclusive advance will be donated to the David Suzuki Foundation.

Letters to My Grandchildren

Looking around their surroundings, Jamie and Megan learn that everything they use and see, from their sheets to the air they breathe, derives from the environment, in a celebration of the cycle of life.

Salmon Forest

During a walk in the woods with her father, Kate learns about the life cycle of the sockeye salmon, as well as its place in the larger circle of life.

You are the Earth

Offers the author's thoughts about the destructive relationship that now exists between humans and nature, and a proposition to adopt a holistic worldview in order to save the planet.

The Big Picture

Whether he's discussing how to reconcile economy with ecology, why a warmer world will result in more poison ivy, why Britney Spears gets more hits on Google than global warming does, or why we might need to start eating jellyfish for supper, David Suzuki points the direction we must take as a society if we hope to meet the environmental challenges we face in our still-young century. Covering suburban sprawl, sustainable transportation, food shortages, biodiversity,

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technology, public policy, and more, The Big Picture not only identifies the problems we face but proposes solid, science-based solutions. These engaging essays look beyond environmental challenges to examine the forces that are preventing real change from occurring. Together they tell the story of a species struggling to come to grips with its own biological nature, a nature we must ultimately embrace to live in balance with the systems that sustain us.

Looking at Weather

Argues that we face ecological disasters from the Greenhouse Effect if we do not make drastic changes in the next ten years

Everything Under the Sun

David Suzuki's collected writings on science, nature, technology, economics, politics, and the connectedness of all things. The David Suzuki Reader brings together for the first time the scientific and philosophical thought of North America's leading environmentalist. Drawing from Suzuki's published and unpublished writings, this collection reveals the underlying themes that have informed his work for over four decades. In these incisive and provocative essays, Suzuki explores the limits of knowledge and the connectedness of all things; looks unflinchingly at the destructive forces of globalization, political shortsightedness, and greed; cautions against blind faith in science, technology, politics, and economics; and provides inspiring examples of how and where to make those changes that will matter to all of us and to future generations. He also offers a vision of hope based on our love of children and nature. In this time of global unrest and uncertainty, Suzuki provides an important reminder of how we are all connected and of what really matters. Written with clarity, passion, and wisdom, this book is essential reading for anyone who is an admirer of David Suzuki, who wants to understand what science can and can't do, or who wants to make a difference.

The Japan We Never Knew

Describes the changes in weather, how weather affects people's lives, and how people affect weather. Includes activities.

There's a Barnyard in My Bedroom

For millennia, we lived in harmony with the Earth, taking only what we required to survive. But in just the past few centuries, we have used our powers to satisfy our obsession with consumption and new technology, without regard for the consequences. And in doing so, we have exploited our surroundings on an unprecedented scale. In this revised and updated

edition of *From Naked Ape to Superspecies*, David Suzuki and Holly Dressel lucidly describe how we have evolved beyond our needs, trampling other species, believing that we can make the Earth work the way we want it to. And they introduce us to the people who are fighting back, those who are resisting the inexorable advance of the "global economy" juggernaut, the people whose voices are difficult to hear over the din of corporate public relations machines. We learn about how human arrogance—demonstrated by our disregard for the small and microscopic species that constitute the Earth's engine and our reckless use of technological inventions like powerful herbicides or genetically engineered crops—is threatening the health of our children and the safety of our food supply.

Dodging the Toxic Bullet

We all know the bad news. Every day, along with all the bulletins on social upheavals and terrorist attacks, we read reports of another animal species on the brink of extinction, of how our ocean fisheries are collapsing, and of the damage industrial development is wreaking on our soil, air and water. We drive bigger cars, eat pesticide-sprayed, genetically altered foods and consume so much energy that even rich, industrialized countries suffer power outages. We seem intent on continuing to live this way, even though many scientific experts tell us our actions are suicidal. The good news, Suzuki and Dressel tells us, is that thousands of individuals, groups and businesses are already changing their ways. A growing number of companies are still making money while benefiting their local communities. Anti-globalization activists and Third World villagers are learning how to practice real participatory democracy and create real community. Farmers and ranchers are sharing their land with other species, including predators and pests, while still prospering. Even some governments, local and national, are starting to base economic development strategies on our collective dependency on nature, while decreasing large-scale interference in our ecosystems.

From Naked Ape to Superspecies

David Suzuki's autobiography limns a life dedicated to making the world a better place. The book expands on the early years covered in *Metamorphosis* and continues to the present, when, at age 70, Suzuki reflects on his entire life — and his hopes for the future. The book begins with his life-changing experience of racism interned in a World War II concentration camp, and goes on to discuss his teenage years, his college and postgraduate experiences in the U.S., and his career as a geneticist and then as the host of *The Nature of Things*. With characteristic candor and passion, he describes how he became a leading environmentalist, writer, and thinker; the establishment of the David Suzuki Foundation; his world travels and meetings with luminaries like Nelson Mandela and the Dalai Lama; and the abiding role of nature and family in his life. David Suzuki is an intimate and inspiring look at a modern-day visionary.

You Are the Earth

In this inspiring series of letters to his grandchildren, David Suzuki offers grandfatherly advice mixed with stories from his own remarkable life and explores what makes life meaningful. He challenges his grandchildren — and us — to do everything at full tilt. He explains why sports, fishing, feminism, and failure are important; why it is dangerous to deny our biological nature; and why First Nations must lead a revolution. Drawing on his own experiences and the wisdom he has gained over his long life, he decries the lack of elders and grandparents in the lives of many people, especially immigrants, and champions the importance of heroes. And he even has something to say about fashion. The book also provides an intimate look at Suzuki's life as a father and grandfather with letters that are chock-full of anecdotes about his children and grandchildren when they were small. As he ponders life's deepest questions and offers up a lifetime of wisdom, Suzuki inspires us all to live with courage, conviction, and passion.

Eating Dirt

One day at the beach, Megan and Jamey learn that, although the air is invisible, it is all around us, and it does amazing things. Without air, animals and plants could not live. In the second book of the Nature All Around series, readers can learn, through the story and drawings, all about the importance of the air.

If We Could See the Air

An in-depth, meticulously documented exploration of the ecological wisdom of Native Peoples from around the world Arranged thematically, Wisdom of the Elders contains sacred stories and traditions on the interrelationships between humans and the environment as well as perspectives from modern science, which more often than not validate the sacred, ancient Wisdom of the Elders. Native peoples and environments discussed range from the Inuit Arctic and the Native Americans of the Northwest coast, the Sioux of the Plains, and the Pueblo, Hopi, and Navajo of the Southwest to the Australian Outback, to the rich, fecund tropics of Africa, Malaysia, and the Amazon. "Our technological civilization is speeding toward a violent collision with nature, and we are threatening the ability of the Earth—our home—to support life as we know it. Suzuki and Knudtson's extraordinary work powerfully reminds us that we are indeed one with the Earth. We are truly indebted to them for charting for us the course toward a healthy and sustaining relationship with our planet."—Vice President Al Gore

Empire of the Beetle

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Climate change is the most important crisis humanity has faced, but we still confront huge barriers to resolving it. So, what do we do, and is there hope for humanity? The problem itself is complex, and there's no single solution. But by understanding the barriers to resolving global warming and by employing a wide range of solutions—from shifting to clean energy to planting trees to reforming agricultural practices—we can get the world back on track. Just Cool It is David Suzuki at his most passionate. In this book, he offers a comprehensive look at the current state of climate science and knowledge and the many ways to resolve the climate crisis, imploring us to do what's necessary to live in a better, cleaner future. When enough people demand action, change starts happening—and this time, it could be monumental.

Tree

“Only God can make a tree,” wrote Joyce Kilmer in one of the most celebrated of poems. In *Tree: A Life Story*, authors David Suzuki and Wayne Grady extend that celebration in a “biography” of this extraordinary — and extraordinarily important — organism. A story that spans a millennium and includes a cast of millions but focuses on a single tree, a Douglas fir, *Tree* describes in poetic detail the organism's modest origins that begin with a dramatic burst of millions of microscopic grains of pollen. The authors recount the amazing characteristics of the species, how they reproduce and how they receive from and offer nourishment to generations of other plants and animals. The tree's pivotal role in making life possible for the creatures around it — including human beings — is lovingly explored. The richly detailed text and Robert Bateman's original art pay tribute to this ubiquitous organism that is too often taken for granted.

Genetics

From *Naked Ape* to *Super Species* takes an unflinching look at where we are at this unprecedented moment in history. Suzuki and Dressel reveal that a clear and present environmental danger is staring us in the face, a danger that is screened out by perceptual filters formed by our current values and beliefs. And should the truth get through to us, we experience a paralysis in the face of adversity that is fueled by a sense of impotence and by the psychological and institutional barriers that stymie us. But there is good news. Experts maintain we still have time to avoid this breakdown if we slow down and turn onto alternative roads that will lead to a life still rich in opportunity, choice, and quality. But to begin applying brakes and turning aside, we must see with clarity the we're on now, how we got here, and what the other possibilities are.

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