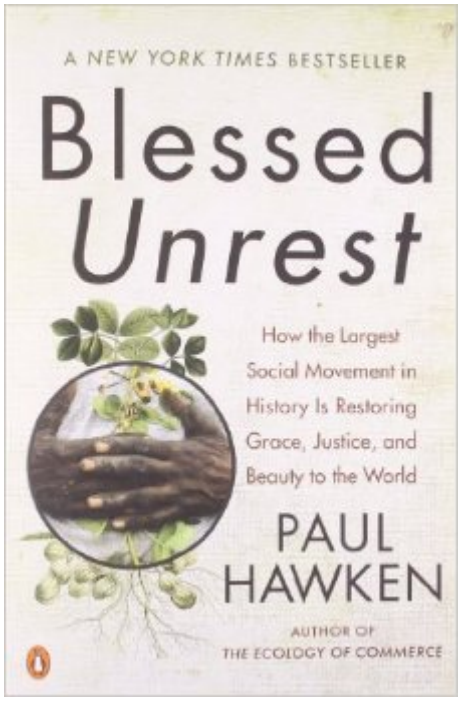
The book was found

Blessed Unrest: How The Largest Social Movement In History Is Restoring Grace, Justice, And Beauty To The World



PDF
Adobe
DOWNLOAD EBOOK

Synopsis

The New York Times bestselling examination of the worldwide movement for social and environmental change Paul Hawken has spent more than a decade researching organizations dedicated to restoring the environment and fostering social justice. From billion-dollar nonprofits to single-person dot.causes, these groups collectively comprise the largest movement on earth, a movement that has no name, leader, or location and that has gone largely ignored by politicians and the media. Blessed Unrest explores the diversity of the movement, its brilliant ideas, innovative strategies, and centuries of hidden history. A culmination of Hawken?s many years of leadership in the environmental and social justice fields, it will inspire all who despair of the world?s fate, and its conclusions will surprise even those within the movement itself.

Book Information

Paperback: 352 pages

Publisher: Penguin Books; Reprint edition (April 1, 2008)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0143113658

ISBN-13: 978-0143113652

Product Dimensions: 5.4 x 0.7 x 8.4 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.5 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 starsÂ Â See all reviewsÂ (87 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #66,591 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #6 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > Public Affairs & Policy > Non-Governmental Organizations #36 inÂ Books > Textbooks > Science & Mathematics > Biology & Life Sciences > Ecology #43 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > Public Affairs & Policy > Environmental Policy

Customer Reviews

If you’re depressed these days, it is not without good reason. Fear-mongers, the corporate sector, and the political class have conspired to form an extremely dark and inhospitable future. The environment and the various causes of social justice around the globe are in tattered disrepair, to put it mildly. Paul Hawken’s wonderful book is a genuine argument for optimism, founded on hard-data and diligent detective work. His global survey of "change-agents", individuals and groups working, often independently and unknown to one another, has discovered a massive ’organism’ mimicking the body’s very own immune system and fighting off the pathogens of greed, extraction,

and opression. Collectively, these groups represent the largest political movement in the history of the planet, and until Blessed Unrest, its larger outlines and properties were virtually unknown. Read this book and buy five copies for your friends. You'll be joining the millions of others worldwide who have aligned themselves with the awesome, restorative forces of nature, and are doing their best to reverse the last two centuries of despoilation and pillage of the human, plant and animal communities all over the world. You can start right where you stand. This book makes you want to stand up and cheer.

President Bill Clinton called Paul Hawken's last book, Natural Capitalism: Creating the Next Industrial Revolution (Little, Brown. September 1999) one of the five most important books in the world today. Blessed Unrest belongs in the same category.In his new book, Paul Hawken, noted environmentalist, businessman, writer, tech entrepreneur, and organizational/cultural theorist, makes a compelling case that the disparate movements for ecological restoration and social justice are merging into "the largest movement in the World." The book provides a fascinating overview of how this massive movement has no precedence and is different from previous social movements particularly with respect to ideology. This movement has no name, center or a leader. It is organic, self-organized, and made up of millions of people committed to making the world a better place.One of my favorite passages is early on in the book when asked if he is pessimistic or optimistic about the world, the author says, "if you look at the science that describes what is happening on earth today and aren't pessimistic, you don't have the current data. If you meet the people in this unnamed movement and aren't optimistic, you haven't got a heart." This to me aptly summarizes what the book is about. I found the book uplifting as it is about optimism and a story of what's going right on our planet.The book and the companion website project called WiserEarth ([...] a major undertaking and achievement. Thank you Mr. Hawken![...]

Blessed Unrest contains so many powerful new perspectives that it's all but impossible to identify even the most important ones in a review. Telling about this book is complicated by the fact that what is a powerful new perspective depends in part on what you know already. The key point is that being concerned about the environment cannot be logically separated from being concerned about exploited people: The time has come to reflect and act on all of perspectives of where improvement is needed.Here is the briefest possible overview:Organizing to improve conditions for others is a relatively new phenomenon, dating back only to the anti-slavery movement. But despite that recent beginning, self-organized efforts are growing exponentially to improve conditions for the poor,

indigenous people, and endangered people and species. These activities are likened to the massive, redundant, and intelligent responses involved in the human immune system. The concepts behind these efforts link back to Emerson and Thoreau, Darwin, John Muir, Rachel Carson, Sir James Lovelock, and most recently Jared Diamond. The current exponents of those concepts are people who are scientifically and emotionally concerned by lasting damage that's occurring . . . and are well educated, responsible citizen advocates.Contrast is drawn by describing the implications of the current momentum behind global free markets, reduced regulation of major companies, and the rapid extinction of common resources we all need. You'll find out about appalling examples of harm being created.Paul Hawken has an impressive way of selecting his examples and drawing his points out of them. My favorite story involves running a workshop at a chemical company where Mr. Hawken challenged the leaders and engineers to design a long-term spaceship that would allow humans to survive. No one among those doing the project included a single one of the company's products for the spaceship. Why? The products are too toxic for a small environment. A number of the people later left their jobs.What's the relevance of that story? Mr. Hawken uses the example to illustrate the concept of Earth as our spaceship for survival.Everyone will learn something about so-called facts that are often cited, whether it be the motives of the Luddites or the actions of protestors at the World Trade Organization conference in Seattle. I was particularly impressed with the book's perspective on how the indigenous civilizations in the Americas were in many ways superior to the Western European one.There are many parallels in the book that would leave you laughing . . . if they weren't so sad. Perhaps the most powerful parallel is between the Spanish Conquistadors and the CEOs of global giant companies who want to increase profits at the expense of the poorest people.For those who want to learn more, you'll find lots of great resources in the appendix, footnotes, and bibliography.To me, one of the most chilling images in the book is about releasing vast quantities of stored methane gas (which is much worse for global warming than carbon dioxide is) as the polar ice caps melt.Read this book, join or start an organization to do something, and take action!

In a remarkably thorough (about half of this book comprises of an appendix that provides detailed definitions, citations and notes) and well-researched book (reads more like a collection of critical essays), Hawken weaves an excellent tapestry of issues surrounding development, social justice, and environment. Drawing heavily from history, Hawken manages to put key developments in context for providing an excellent argument on how the ongoing 'social movement without a name' has evolved. The gravity of the issues mentioned, the new and unique insights provided on events

and personalities, and the detailed narration clearly gives this book a very serious tone (appropriately). Among the well-written chapters (essays), the one on civil disobedience stands out for the sheer unique insights provided on the thought evolution of greats like Gandhi and MLK. Without significant political posturing, Hawken discusses in a calm, methodical manner the issues that relate to social justice and development on multiple facets. An excellent , thought provoking read.

Download to continue reading...

Blessed Unrest: How the Largest Social Movement in History Is Restoring Grace, Justice, and Beauty to the World Three Times Blessed Three Times Blessed (Belles of Timber Creek) Social Insurance and Social Justice: Social Security, Medicare and the Campaign Against Entitlements The Rest of God: Restoring Your Soul by Restoring Sabbath Social Media: Master, Manipulate, and Dominate Social Media Marketing With Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram and LinkedIn (Social Media, Social Media ... Twitter, Youtube, Instagram, Pinterest) Social Security & Medicare Facts 2016: Social Security Coverage, Maximization Strategies for Social Security Benefits, Medicare/Medicaid, Social Security Taxes, Retirement & Disability, Ser Social Media: Master Strategies For Social Media Marketing - Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube & Linkedin (Social Media, Social Media Marketing, Facebook, ... Instagram, Internet Marketing Book 3) Social Justice in Clinical Practice: A Liberation Health Framework for Social Work The Great Barrier Reef: The History of the World's Largest Coral Reef 101 Movement Games for Children: Fun and Learning with Playful Movement (SmartFun Books) Teaching Movement & Dance: A Sequential Approach to Rhythmic Movement The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement Ethical Dilemmas and Decisions in Criminal Justice (Ethics in Crime and Justice) Justice League Vol. 8: Darkseid War Part 2 (Jla (Justice League of America)) Real Justice: Guilty of Being Weird: The story of Guy Paul Morin (Lorimer Real Justice) Secret Justice: Judge Willa Carson Thriller, The Hunt for Justice Series, Book 3 Justice League Vol. 7: Darkseid War Part 1 (Jla (Justice League of America)) Justice League Dark Vol. 1: In the Dark (The New 52) (Jla (Justice League of America)) Justice League Vol. 3: Throne of Atlantis (The New 52) (Jla (Justice League of America)) INTERCEPTED: A Brother's Revenge A Girl Gone Missing One Chance to Change Fate (The Grace and Justice Series Book 1)

Dmca