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# Environmental Ethics: The Big Questions



## Synopsis

Through a series of multidisciplinary readings, *Environmental Ethics: The Big Questions* contextualizes environmental ethics within the history of Western intellectual tradition and traces the development of theory since the 1970s. Includes an extended introduction that provides an historical and thematic introduction to the field of environmental ethics. Features a selection of brief original essays on why to study environmental ethics by leaders in the field. Contextualizes environmental ethics within the history of the Western intellectual tradition by exploring anthropocentric (human-centered) and nonanthropocentric precedents. Offers an interdisciplinary approach to the field by featuring seminal work from eminent philosophers, biologists, ecologists, historians, economists, sociologists, anthropologists, nature writers, business writers, and others. Designed to be used with a web-site which contains a continuously updated archive of case studies: <http://environmentalethics.info/>

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"Environmental ethics emerged in the mid-1970s and has been exponentially growing in volume and scope ever since. As a new century and a new millennium dawn, environmental ethics is the philosophy of the future, looking outward to partner with social and life sciences, history, law, business, and literature to provide synthesis instead of the finer and finer analysis of arcane "puzzles" that characterized the inward-looking philosophy of the previous century. In the new spirit of the new philosophy of the new century, this new textbook provides a synoptic overview of the field. The pioneers, living and dead, are all represented along with the emerging voices of the present. Unique to this volume is commentary by the leading lights in the field about why environmental ethics is a worthwhile study. That section, along with Keller's historical and thematic overview of the field, the best yet in any textbook, is worth the price of admission to the book." J Baird Callicott, Regents Professor of Philosophy, Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religion Studies, University of North of Texas

I never thought there was such a thing as Environmental Ethics until I took my college course. Understand this, you may need a dictionary handy, or have Google linked on your computer for many BIG words. This book is deep into philosophy, but environmentally speaking. I learned quite a bit from this book, and also completed many writings of my own. There are many different contributors in this book; historically and modern day. It will get you deep into your moral and ethical side. Yes, I laughed too when I started the term, but ended with an open mind. I gave it 4 stars due to it being a little challenging; had to read each writers input 2-3 times.

This book is a must. It does a great job of informing you about both side of environmental issues. The language is a bit difficult but well worth it.

Perfect condition, great book.

Accurate description! Good read :)

Keller and the various contributors assume readers have a solid foundation in philosophy rather than, say, environmental sciences. It is more geared toward philosophers looking to expand their knowledge about this dimension of ethics, and not so much toward environmental scientists and students looking to expand their understanding of the ethical dimensions of the field. I used this as a textbook in a course populated by non-philosophy majors, and it was a struggle. I am looking for a more appropriate text now.

It arrived a few days after I had hoped it would, but still in time. It's a fabulous book, combining esoteric philosophical underpinnings of ethics with justifications for and arguments against direct action, and addressing pragmatic consequences of ethical positions.

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