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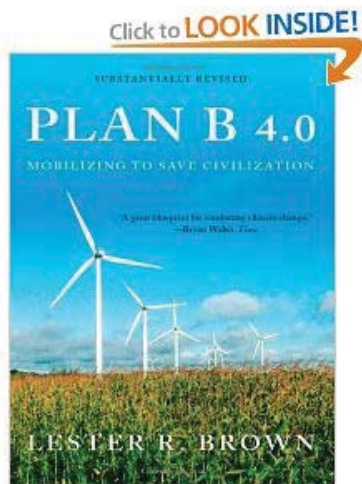
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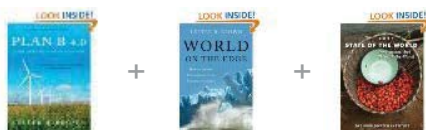
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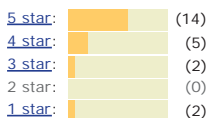
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This is the best book in print that provides a comprehensive global solution to today's environmental problems. Too many environmentalists have great visions of doom but few practical solutions. I think Brown is overly optimistic but he at least does have a plan that is connected to reality. The most important part of the book is Part III, The Great Mobilization. Specifically, America needs to do a total mobilization of its economic resources as it did for World War II. Nothing less will be adequate. Only a global level he has compiled a budget for what is needed which you can read on page 263. You should read the footnotes for this to see how he got this. He has a global energy plan on page 254. If you want to know more about Brown look up his organization Earth Policy Institute on Google. Hopefully, Obama will heed Brown's advice. You might want to watch the following National Geographic special to see what the stakes are [National Geographic: Six Degrees Could Change the World](#).

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Plan B is an amazing effort - I could hardly put it down!

Like many people, I've put a lot of thought into the multitude of woes that face the planet and our poor (oh so human) race, and I've tried earnestly to do my bit here and there to make a difference...

Like just about anyone who's really tried to think things through however, I usually end up feeling overwhelmed, powerless and disheartened by the sheer magnitude of it all.

I try to stay informed, and I've read plenty of scary stuff by real experts about the terrible existential problems that we and our children face - Climate change, water crises, food crises, pandemics, overpopulation, terrorism, war, poverty, illiteracy, peak oil, biodiversity loss, rainforest depletion, collapsing fisheries, ...

I've also read plenty of amazing stuff by real experts about the solutions to these terrible existential problems - renewable energy, sustainable economies, sustainable fisheries, forestry, and farming, sustainable design and manufacturing, poverty eradication, universal primary education, population control, universal health care, ...

The problem with most of these "expert" solutions though is that they only address the problem that the expert understands - which would be just fine if we lived in a hypothetical world where that problem existed in isolation from the other problems that humanity faces.

Reading about these "solutions" usually leaves me feeling all positive and "Bono/We are the World" for a short time, but when I really think about it again, I realise that there is no point educating children who are dying of starvation or thirst! And what is the point of providing health care to a country that is so geopolitically unstable that it will collapse into civil war and genocide at any moment? What is the point of teaching sustainable farming practices to people whose land is turning into desert, or sinking into the ocean due to climate change?

No matter how hard most mere mortals try, it is just too hard to make sense of all the bad things that are going on in the world today. Quite the opposite - the more one tries to understand and to make sense, the more overwhelmed, powerless, and disheartened one becomes.

Clearly, Lester R Brown is no mere mortal.

I'm not going to spoil the book for you, but you need to know that Lester R Brown's life work has been to understand all the problems above and more, and to understand their interdependencies.

He has cultivated this understanding so that he and his Earth Policy Institute can develop a comprehensive programme that addresses these problems together, in a way that successes in one area reinforce progress in other areas - a programme that he calls "Plan B" - "Plan B is an integrated program with four interdependent goals." - "cutting net carbon dioxide emissions 80 percent by 2020, stabilizing population at 8 billion or lower, eradicating poverty, and restoring the earth's natural systems"

These goals are integrated because for example, it is unlikely that we can "stabilize population unless we can also eradicate poverty. Conversely, we cannot restore the earth's natural systems without stabilizing population and climate, and we are not likely to stabilize climate unless we also stabilize population. Nor can we eradicate poverty without restoring the earth's natural systems."

Boldly, Brown has put realistic dollar values on the various aspects of his programme, and has compared these costs with current military spending. The figures are particularly interesting when one considers how much of the current global military budget is really wasted putting band-aids on the problems described above.

Astonishingly, he's explained how all this might be achieved (or well under way) by 2020! This is not futuristic, pie in the sky, utopian science fiction - everything that Brown proposes is easily possible with today's technologies, and within today's socio-economic world order. We've just got to see the big picture and do it!

Most impressively, he has done all this in a 268 page book that is so absorbing and easy to read that even a child can follow it.

In Plan B, Brown describes not only how to "save civilization" as we know it, he actually describes what we must do as a society to become "civilized".

I cannot recommend Plan B 4.0 highly enough - read it - get your kids to read it - get your parents to read it - give it to your neighbours. What are you waiting for? It is free! Go to the [...] Website and download the PDF - get the presentation and all the other stuff that goes with the book while you're there.

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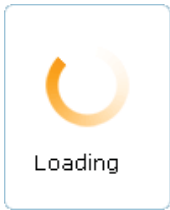
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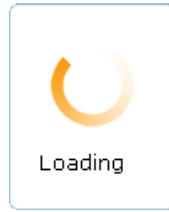
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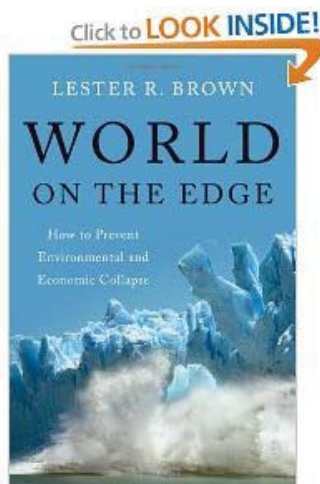
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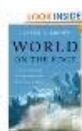
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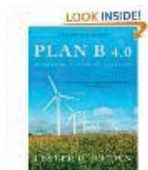


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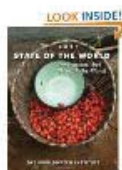
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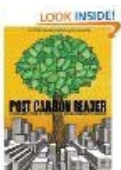
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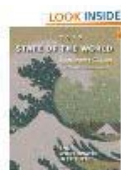
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I have been following Lester Brown's work ever since he founded Worldwatch Institute in the early 1980's. He has since left Worldwatch and now leads the Earth Policy Institute. I urge all readers to go their web site while reading this book. You will get more related information.

This book is one of the best summaries of the current global environment crisis. Check out what the book says about the global water crisis and the global crisis of fisheries. In reading this book, it is hard not to get angry with our world's leaders, particularly those in the rich nations. There are so many solutions to global problems that have been known for years such as drip irrigation but these are not being adopted on anywhere near the scale that is needed.

The best part of the book is Chapter 13, "Saving Civilization". If you have a limited amount of time read this. This details solutions. Brown even has a global environmental reform budget, \$110 billion a year, a tiny sum in global standards that could do so much for environment but it's not being done.

My problems with the book rest with overly optimistic predictions. According to most respected predictions the share of coal will rise in the next ten years in the world energy production. Wind and solar power are still a tiny fraction of world energy production. However, in spite of these faults this book is very worthwhile.

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Lester Brown brings to his latest book a distinguished career packed with ominous but prescient forecasting on the dangerous decline of our planet's capacity to survive and provide for the future. His impressive history can be found many places including Wikipedia.

In a poignant piece in the Sunday January 16, 2010 Washington Post, Susan Eisenhower, Ike's granddaughter reminds us of another great American's look into our future with this quote from his January, 1961 farewell address, more famous for his warning about our burgeoning "military industrial complex", but more important when he said, "We . . . must avoid the impulse to live only for today, plundering for our own ease and convenience the precious resources of tomorrow. We cannot mortgage the material assets of our grandchildren without risking the loss also of their political and spiritual heritage. We want democracy to survive for all generations to come, not to become the insolvent phantom of tomorrow."

Not quite an environmental statement, but one which counsels a careful look at the future and a deep concern for next generation, even before most of us were thinking about peak oil, global warming, and the population explosion.

Born in 1931, I feel an enormous kinship with this author, as I have been an activist in the family planning field since 1965, having helped start and served on the boards of several then fledgling NGO's just when so many of these presently now well known agencies were first organized to address this primary underlying influence on all our present planetary crises.

Despite the decades ago warnings of many besides Brown about this brewing population crisis, most of the world's leaders have steadfastly ignored allocating adequate expenditures toward providing universal family planning's humane and gentle solutions. Their shortfall in so doing has already proved devastating and will accelerate in intensity as Brown forecasts.

Brown, who was born in 1934, has for decades been an activist in his urgent call for action on the population issue along with all the other predictors of danger rising and has powerfully chronicled them fully in his earlier 50 books. For his pains, he has frequently been dismissed as crying wolf, just as Paul Ehrlich for his premature world famine prediction in 1975, which now has shown itself so correct.

Brown and certainly many of us who have spent our lives immersed in action on these issues now see many of these concerns coagulating into a complex mix attaining more powerful impetuous for disaster than ever in the history of the planet. This new book's title, World on the Edge, puts it forward precisely. In short, as he carefully documents, the human populations of our planet are running out of running room. And soon. There are now many paths to perdition and some of us, including me have suggested a possible apocalypse worldwide should be fail to take corrective actions.

Never just a prophet of gloom, Brown always offers us a path to salvation and this latest book is no exception. In Chapter 13, entitled "Saving Civilization" he reiterates his earlier Plan B recommendations, "With Plan B, we can change course and move onto a path of sustainable progress, but it will take a massive mobilization--at wartime speed. This plan or something very similar to it, is our only hope." What are those goals? "Stabilizing climate, stabilizing population, eradicating poverty, and restoring the economy's natural support systems--are mutually dependent. All are essential to feeding the world's people. It is unlikely that we can reach any one goal without reaching the others. Moving the global economy off the decline-and-collapse path depends on reaching all four goals."

A tall order indeed and many observers including me are not optimistic that Plan B, even if urgently executed now, can ward off massive numbers of human deaths. Formidable experts such as the late Garrett Hardin felt the planet's human numbers were already too large to sustain. The jury is still out and we are blessed to have this cogent voice still seeking a sensible, workable scenario for the future. Despite my pessimism, I vigorously applaud this giant of environmentalist (e.g. Founder of Worldwatch Institute in the early 1980's and subsequently his present NGO, the Earth Policy Institute) for continuing to offer solid information and solutions both in his books and on the Earth Policy web site. Brown's latest offering becomes a must read for all who care about our future.

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Most encouraging about the solutions is that they will cost less than going ahead with our heads stuck in the sand with continued denial of the problems.e.g., get used to \$4 per gallon oil, and watch it go to \$6, as oil becomes even more scarce, rather than follow the offered solutions, not just for gas prices, but for all the critical issues covered in this definitive work.

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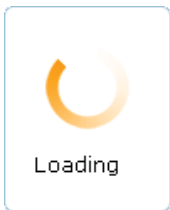
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

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