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Read it, please. Until the end. Whatever else you plan to do, nothing could be more important. —Barbara Kingsolver
Twenty years ago, with *The End of Nature*, Bill McKibben offered one of the first warnings about global warming. These warnings have not been put in the eye; now, he insists, we must recognize that we have waited too long, and that massive changes are not only inevitable, but already underway. Our old familiar globe suddenly melts, dries, acidifies, floods and burns in a way that no human has ever seen. In a very short time, we have created a new planet, still recognizable but fundamentally different. Might as well call it Eearth. That new planet is filled with new connections and traps. A changing world costs a lot of money to defend — think of the money that went to repair New Orleans, or the trillions it will take to transform our energy systems. But the endless economic growth that could guarantee such largesse depends on the stable planet that we have managed to damage and degrade. We can no longer rely on old habits. Our hope depends, McKibben argues, on reducing size, on building the kind of societies and economies that can cower, focus on the essentials, and create the kind of community (in the neighborhood, but also on the Internet) that will allow us to overcome problems on an unprecedented scale. Change, fundamental change, is our best hope on a suddenly and violently unbalanced planet. Eearth
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Eearth: Making a Life on a New Tough Planet is a book written by Bill McKibben, published by Henry Holt and Company in 2010. [1] In the opening chapter, McKibben presents a range of facts and statistics on climate change that are already visible, supported by numerous footnotes. In the second and third

chapters, McKibben presents his analysis of how we have arrived at the present situation, and conveys a real sadness as he explains how the desire for hydrocarbon-based economic growth since the 1970s has brought the planet to breaking point. [2] [3] In a review of the book, the British economist Nicholas Stern suggests that there is undoubtedly McKibben's sincerity and ability to communicate the significant risks facing humanity. According to Stern, his global thesis that we are already seeing widespread effects of climate change is strong and supported by much more scientific evidence ». [3] But Stern says McKibben is too pessimistic when it comes to recent progress in avoiding even greater climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. References - Lipinski, Jed. Eearth: The Earth is over. It's a living room. Media Lounge. Recovered may 18, 2010. Keith Meatto. Tough New World - A Review of Eearth Frontier Psychiatrist, June 2011. a b Nicholas Stern. Climate: What You Need to Know The New York Review of Books, June 24, 2010. This article on a book about the environment is a heel. You can help Wikipedia by expanding it.vte recovered from So you probably think you don't want to read this book or this review, because this is bad news that you think you may already know, and will not understand enough good - or really new - about impending solutions. But I'll tell you: It's well written and important, from the world's first writer on climate change. I recently reread Bill McKibben's The End of Nature, the first book on global warming for a general audience, in preparation to read this more recent book, Eearth: Making a Life on a Tough Planet (2010), although I had read excerpts from this book along the way. I'm this guy in periodicals and on Twitter. But I read this because I wanted to have some sort of sense of trajectory, given the recent and continuous and almost exclusively bad news of the environment, which I may not have to recite about cataclysmic global warming at levels both unprecedented and not quite expected. Melting Arctic ice releases methane to further heat the planet, massive species die, warming and acidifying oceans, increasing world hunger, limited access to water. . . . And you can add to the list, the least of which is not the refusal of the West to take all this very seriously. What about the 2016 U.S. presidential race? Almost completely ignored. No one wants to talk about that (dying) elephant in the room. Big biz owns the media, owns Congress, here in the United States, at least, and we have as much as possible President Trump who insists on climate change is a hoax perpetrated by the Chinese. As usual, madness prevails. Today (literally today), the Paris Agreement signed by the EU is a small step forward as we also see Haiti hit again by another 145 mph hurricane. Is the Paris Agreement little, too late? If we stopped burning coal completely now, if we stopped carbon emissions completely, we would still not be able to refreeze the Arctic or reverse the dismal trajectory of the ocean. But you know all this, that McKibben poses in excruciating detail in the first half of the book where he establishes the fact that the Earth no longer exists. We now have what he calls Eearth, a new and leaner and and planet, the planet on which we must learn to live. And together or not at all. In the second half, McKibben gives examples of what remains to be done to survive, since, in every sense of the word, we could have imagined it watching the Jetsons is already gone. And I promised that I wouldn't do this review if I couldn't say at least a few things that are worth saying, but I confess that they may seem naïve, at this late date: Think small, slow, local. Eat and grow this way. Let's all stop watering the lawns and grow vegetables. Work with your neighbors in your city to live more simply. Perhaps a few small moves of Obama at the end of his administration, partly through his trip to Alaska, perhaps, where he could see the huge changes there. The Big World project should no longer be to build a better blender or go to Mars or put profits in accelerated overdrive to get us out of this recession, but to change the focus on saving the planet (even if you as a pessimist see it as just managing the decline), and for real this time , we (ecologists) say it. In some places, this is done. Vermont is a state that McKibben uses as an example. Read Wendell Berry-Don't elect Trump, a climate change denier who promises to reverse all measures taken by Obama and resurrect Big Coal. That would be bad news for the planet. Trump just made a joke of himself trashing the Paris Agreement as bad for business, of course. Trump, who along with Rush and Fox News are clinging to as the scientific hope of the day for the right. Yes, there is great greed and selfishness, but there is also charity, creativity, resourcefulness. Savage Dreams: A Journey into the Hidden Wars of the American West, and Hope in the Dark: Untold Histories, Wild Possibilities, which I'll soon be reading, because it's about hope. or The Gift of the Good Earth. Berry has the last word, below. Does all this seem tired and naïve? Yes? Have you heard it all before? Yes, I did too, and for decades of reading and activism. But that's all we have, I think. Do I think Big Biz or the government is going to change in a fundamental way? Lol So we have to act locally. Or what is Alternative? Maybe reading Solnit will help. All good news? The position against FrankenFood. This will continue to be useful. The demand for a better and simpler life. That we still have these good good is hopeful. That crazy farmer Wendell Berry have the last word: MANIFESTO: THE MAD FARMER LIBERATION FRONT by Wendell BerryLove the quick profit, the annual increase, the holidays with salary. You want more of everything ready to be. Be afraid to know your neighbors and die. And you'll have a window in your head. Even your future will no longer be a mystery. Your mind will be struck in a card and locked in a small drawer. When they want you to buy something, they'll call you. When they want you to die for profit, they'll let you know. So, my friends, every day do something that won't calculate. I love the Lord. I love the world. Work for nothing. Take everything you have and be poor. Love someone who doesn't deserve it. Denounce the government and kiss the flag. I hope to live in this free republic for which she is. Give your approval to anything you can't understand. Praise ignorance, for what man did not meet, he did not destroy. Ask questions that don't have answers. Invest in the millennium. Plant redwoods. Say that your main crop is the forest that you have not planted, that you will not live to harvest. Let's say the leaves are harvested when they have roted in the mould. Call it profit. Prophecies such returns. Put your faith in the two inches of humus that will build under the trees every thousand years. Listen carrion - put your ear close, and hear the faint chatter of the songs that are coming. Expect the end of the world. Laugh. Laughter is immeasurable. Be merry if you have considered all the facts. As long as women don't go cheap for power, please women more than men. Ask yourself: Will this satisfy a woman who is satisfied with having a child? Will it disrupt a woman's sleep about to give birth? Go with your love to the fields. Lie down easily in the shade. Rest your head on his lap. Swear allegiance to what is closest to your thoughts. As soon as generals and politicians can predict the movements of your mind, lose it. Leave it as a sign to mark a false trail, the way you don't go. Be like the fox that makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction. Practice resurrection. ... More... More

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