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Between 1963 and 1968, environmentalists were outraged when western water interests sought to construct two dams in Grand Canyon as part of the Central Arizona Project. The Sierra Club led a national campaign opposed to the project, which most environmental historians credit with defeating the dams. In the wake of its victory, the Sierra Club has been lauded as the savior of Grand Canyon. Byron Pearson now takes a closer look at history to show that the Sierra Club's ability to mobilize public opinion did not appreciably influence Congress, where the issue was actually decided. When Arizona congressman Stewart Udall became Interior Secretary in 1960, he promoted a plan to import water from the Pacific Northwest to California in order to placate that state's opposition to the CAP with its proposed dams. When this support dissolved in the face of resistance from Washington senator Henry Jackson, who chaired the Senate Interior Committee, the pragmatic Udall sought passage of a bare-bones CAP bill without the dams before he and Arizona senator Carl Hayden retired. Despite this congressional deal-making, the Sierra Club received credit for blocking the dams and was propelled to the undisputed leadership of the environmental movement. Using the myth that it had saved the Canyon, the club transformed its image of power into real political influence after Congress passed the National Environmental Policy Act in 1970, giving environmental advocates access to the policy-making process for the first time. In revealing how the Sierra Club played a much lesser role in blocking the dams than they would have had the public believe, Pearson contrasts the ways in which the controversy unfolded in the court of public opinion versus the actual political process. He takes readers into congressional chambers and conference rooms, reconstructing the legislative process to convey the full flavor of this political give-and-take. Based on research in archives from all over the country, Still the Wild River Runs will itself be a subject of controversy as it challenges long-standing notions about the power of environmental lobbies. By putting this chain of historical events in clearer perspective, it can give citizens concerned with future causes a better understanding of the political process and what really moves it.

Winner of the Sierra Club's 2021 Rachel Carson Award One of Chicago Tribune's Ten Best Books of 2021 Named a Top Ten Best Science Book of 2021 by Booklist and Smithsonian Magazine "At once thoughtful and thought-provoking," Beloved Beasts tells the story of the modern conservation movement through the lives and ideas of the people who built it,

making "a crucial addition to the literature of our troubled time" (Elizabeth Kolbert, author of *The Sixth Extinction*). In the late nineteenth century, humans came at long last to a devastating realization: their rapidly industrializing and globalizing societies were driving scores of animal species to extinction. In *Beloved Beasts*, acclaimed science journalist Michelle Nijhuis traces the history of the movement to protect and conserve other forms of life. From early battles to save charismatic species such as the American bison and bald eagle to today's global effort to defend life on a larger scale, Nijhuis's "spirited and engaging" account documents "the changes of heart that changed history" (Dan Cryer, *Boston Globe*). With "urgency, passion, and wit" (Michael Berry, *Christian Science Monitor*), she describes the vital role of scientists and activists such as Aldo Leopold and Rachel Carson, reveals the origins of vital organizations like the Audubon Society and the World Wildlife Fund, explores current efforts to protect species such as the whooping crane and the black rhinoceros, and confronts the darker side of modern conservation, long shadowed by racism and colonialism. As the destruction of other species continues and the effects of climate change wreak havoc on our world, *Beloved Beasts* charts the ways conservation is becoming a movement for the protection of all species including our own.

Provides a directory of online databases and information resources concerning the environmental sciences and environmental protection

The Sierra Club Guide to the Natural Areas of Oregon and Washington

With a Special Sixteen-page Photo Section Portraying "New Parks for America's Future" [by Philip Hyde].

The Sierra Club Handbook of Whales and Dolphins

The Sierra Club Trailside Reader

The Writings of John Muir: Our national parks

The Seed Keeper

Explains how to use a compass and a topographic map to stay on course and measure distances while hiking in wilderness areas

Includes section "Book reviews."

In addition to a description of the parks there is also a rundown on the flora and fauna in the region.

The Sierra Club Guide to Painting in Nature

Why We Need Insects

The Man Who Built the Sierra Club

The Sierra Club, a Handbook

Sierra Club Bulletin

The Sierra Club Guide to Map and Compass

David Brower (1912 – 2000) was a central figure in the modern environmental movement. His leadership, vision, and elegant conception of the wilderness forever changed how we approach

nature. In many ways, he was a twentieth-century Thoreau. Brower transformed the Sierra Club into a national force that challenged and stopped federally sponsored projects that would have dammed the Grand Canyon and destroyed hundreds of millions of acres of our nation's wilderness. To admirers, he was tireless, passionate, visionary, and unyielding. To opponents and even some supporters, he was contentious and polarizing. As a young man growing up in Berkeley, California, Brower proved himself a fearless climber of the Sierra Nevada's dangerous peaks. After serving in the Tenth Mountain Division during World War II, he became executive director of the Sierra Club. This uncompromising biography explores Brower's role as steward of the modern environmental movement. His passionate advocacy destroyed lifelong friendships and, at times, threatened his goals. Yet his achievements remain some of the most important triumphs of the conservation movement. What emerges from this unique portrait is a rich and robust profile of a leader who took up the work of John Muir and, along with Rachel Carson, made environmentalism the cause of our time.

An enthusiastic, witty, and informative introduction to the world of insects and why we—and the planet we inhabit—could not survive without them. Insects comprise roughly half of the animal kingdom. They live everywhere—deep inside caves, 18,000 feet high in the Himalayas, inside computers, in Yellowstone's hot springs, and in the ears and nostrils of much larger creatures. There are insects that have ears on their knees, eyes on their penises, and tongues under their feet. Most of us think life would be better without bugs. In fact, life would be impossible without them. Most of us know that we would not have honey without honeybees, but without the pinhead-sized chocolate midge, cocoa flowers would not pollinate. No cocoa, no chocolate. The ink that was used to write the Declaration of Independence was derived from galls on oak trees, which are induced by a small wasp. The fruit fly was essential to medical and biological research experiments that resulted in six Nobel prizes. Blowfly larva can clean difficult wounds; flour beetle larva can digest plastic; several species of insects have been essential to the development of antibiotics. Insects turn dead plants and animals into soil. They pollinate flowers, including crops that we depend on. They provide food for other animals, such as birds and bats. They control organisms that are harmful to humans. Life as we know it depends on these small creatures. With ecologist Anne Sverdrup-Thygeson as our capable, entertaining guide into the insect world, we'll learn that there is more variety among insects than we can even imagine and the more you learn about insects, the more fascinating they become. *Buzz, Sting, Bite* is an essential introduction to the little creatures that make the world go round.

A reflection of the Sierra Club's concerns from 1873 to the present

Still the Wild River Runs

Adventuring in the San Francisco Bay Area

A Novel

Sierra Club Reminiscences [I]

The Sierra Club Book of Weatherwisdom

The Sierra Club Guide to Painting in Nature (Sierra Club Books Publication)

Describes the climatologies of eight North American recreation areas and introduces outdoorsmen to the basic principles of meteorology, weather hazards, and the systematic techniques for weather forecasting

Drawings, photographs, maps, and diagrams enhance a guide to the geology, climate, plants, and animals of the foothill, forest, and mountain zones of the Sierra Nevada

Identifies and describes the distinctive features, characteristics, behavior, distribution, habitat, and population of the diverse whale and dolphin species

In the Thick of It

A Guide

Voices for the Earth

The Sierra Club Summer Book

Buzz, Sting, Bite

Land Navigation Handbook

A haunting novel spanning several generations, *The Seed Keeper* follows a Dakhóta family's struggle to preserve their way of life, and their sacrifices to protect what matters most. Rosalie Iron Wing has grown up in the woods with her father, Ray, a former science teacher who tells her stories of plants, of the stars, of the origins of the Dakhóta people. Until, one morning, Ray doesn't return from checking his traps. Told she has no family, Rosalie is sent to live with a foster family in nearby Mankato—where the reserved, bookish teenager meets rebellious Gaby Makespeace, in a friendship that transcends the damaged legacies they've inherited. On a winter's day many years later, Rosalie returns to her childhood home. A widow and mother, she has spent the previous two decades on her white husband's farm, finding solace in her garden even as the farm is threatened first by drought and then by a predatory chemical company. Now, grieving, Rosalie begins to confront the past, on a search for family, identity, and a community where she can finally belong. In the process, she learns what it means to be descended from women with souls of iron—women who have protected their families, their traditions, and a precious cache of seeds through generations of hardship and loss, through war and the insidious trauma of boarding schools. Weaving together the voices of four indelible women, *The Seed Keeper* is a beautifully told story of reawakening, of remembering our original relationship to the seeds and, through them, to our ancestors.

Made famous by the French Impressionists in the 19th century, plein-air painting is the time-honored style of painting outdoors, on-site and in one sitting. In *The Guide to Painting in Nature*, Cathy Johnson offers an inspiring introduction - from selecting materials to weathering the elements - to capture your outdoor moments.

The story behind the historic Mineral King Valley case, which

reveals how the Sierra Club battled Disney's ski resort development and launched a new environmental era in America. In our current age of climate change-induced panic, it's hard to imagine a time when private groups were not actively enforcing environmental protection laws in the courts. It wasn't until 1972, however, that a David and Goliath-esque Supreme Court showdown involving the Sierra Club and Disney set a revolutionary legal precedent for the era of environmental activism we live in today. Set against the backdrop of the environmental movement that swept the country in the late 1960s and early 1970s, Dawn at Mineral King Valley tells the surprising story of how the US Forest Service, the Disney company, and the Sierra Club each struggled to adapt to the new, rapidly changing political landscape of environmental consciousness in postwar America. Proposed in 1965 and approved by the federal government in 1969, Disney's vast development plan would have irreversibly altered the practically untouched Mineral King Valley, a magnificently beautiful alpine area in the Sierra Nevada mountains. At first, the plan met with unanimous approval from elected officials, government administrators, and the press—it seemed inevitable that this expanse of wild natural land would be radically changed and turned over to a private corporation. Then the scrappy Sierra Club forcefully pushed back with a lawsuit that ultimately propelled the modern environmental era by allowing interest groups to bring litigation against environmentally destructive projects. An expert on environmental law and appellate advocacy, Daniel P. Selmi uses his authoritative narrative voice to recount the complete history of this revolutionary legal battle and the ramifications that continue today, almost 50 years later.

A Life of David Brower

The Sierra Club

Sierra Club Guides to the National Parks of the Desert Southwest

The Sierra Club, the Disney Company, and the Rise of

Environmental Law

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The Sierra Club Travel Guide to San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo Counties and the Bay Islands

A guide to the pleasures and practicalities of painting outdoors covers choosing materials, adapting to weather conditions, and capturing the ever-changing light.

This autobiography describes not only McCloskey's life as an

environmental activist; it reveals the inner workings and politics of one of the nation's most influential environmental nonprofit organizations during an era of ground-breaking environmental legislation.

A collection of animal facts and summer activities including craft projects and nature discussions.

Mountaineer and Bookman

Isabel's House of Butterflies

Sierra Club Policy on National Parks

100 Years of Protecting Nature

Weathering the Wilderness

The Sierra Club Green Guide

Renowned naturalist John Muir is widely credited as being one of the important early figures in the conservation movement. In this series of essays, Muir introduces readers to the wonders of the majestic Yosemite region, a place he visited as soon as he arrived in America in 1868. The beauty of the area's mountains, lakes, and vistas inspired Muir to devote himself to nature and its preservation.

Gathers essays on nature by writers from Emerson and Thoreau to Muir, Eiseley, McPhee, Dillard, and Lopez

Showcases 134 forests across nine northeastern states, offering helpful recommendations on where to go, how to get there, and what to see of approximately 400,000 acres of ancient forests that are still thriving in the region. Original.

The Yosemite

The History of the Sierra Club, 1892-1970

The Sierra Club Guide to Practical Meteorology

Beloved Beasts: Fighting for Life in an Age of Extinction

Sierra Club V. Indiana & Michigan Electric Company

The Sierra Club Guide to the Natural Areas of California

Newly revised and updated, this guide provides comprehensive details on outdoor recreational opportunities, colorful history and diverse cultural attractions, over 100 national, state, and local parks, the city of San Francisco and all nine Bay area counties. It includes maps, listings of accommodations and public transportation.

Discusses climates and seasons, wind and rain, warm and cold fronts, atmospheric pressure, and weather prediction. Features activities, games, and experiments.

Identifies characteristic plants and animals in diverse ecological communities in New England, exploring the interrelationships among flora, fauna, and geology

The Sierra Club Guide to the Ancient Forests of the Northeast

Congress, the Sierra Club, and the Fight to Save Grand Canyon

Dawn at Mineral King Valley

The Sierra Club Wilderness Handbook

Words for the Wild

A Sierra Club Naturalist's Guide to the Sierra Nevada

An illustrated history of the Sierra Club features three hundred images from America's leading nature photographers depicting national parks, forests, and wilderness saved by the efforts of the Sierra Club.

The Sierra Club Guide to the Natural Areas of California This invaluable sourcebook for the first time makes available detailed information about more than 200 natural areas in California, including federal and state parks and the public domain, where one can go to enjoy quiet, uncrowded, natural beauty. While 95% of the travelers nationwide crowd into 5% of the available parks and recreation areas, literally scores of little-known wilderness sites in California await the outdoor enthusiast. Sites are listed alphabetically within 9 geographic zones, each entry offering a wealth of detail, including: -- Location: directions from the closest town or highway, and adjacent wilderness areas -- Physical descriptions: acreage, outstanding natural features, points of special interest, typical weather patterns -- Wildlife: birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians -- Flora: major plant species -- Recreation: camping, hiking, fishing, swimming, skiing and ski touring, horse riding, bicycling, hunting, boating, rafting, kayaking, and canoeing -- Resources: park headquarters and ranger districts, including addresses and phone numbers, guidebooks, visitor centers -- Easy reference: symbols tell at a glance the recreational opportunities for each site California boasts of 1,340 miles of coastline, rugged mountain ranges including the Sierra Nevada and the Coast Range, vast deserts, 30,000 miles of rivers and streams, and a staggering 40 million acres of forest land. Based on original research and on-site surveys, this unique guide opens the state's outdoor resources to all who yearn to discover them. "Authors John and Jane Perry want to take you away from fresh-airjunk food, those well-publicized state parks and trails seemingly bush-deep with tourists and campers."

Eight-year-old Isabel hopes that her plan will spare her favorite tree, keep the butterflies coming, and provide an income for her poor family in Mexico.

Glen Dawson

Everybody's Desk Reference to Environmental Information

My Life in the Sierra Club

A Sierra Club Naturalist's Guide to Southern New England

A Treasury of the Sierra Club Bulletin

Recounts how John Muir founded the Sierra Club and describes the organization's goals and accomplishments