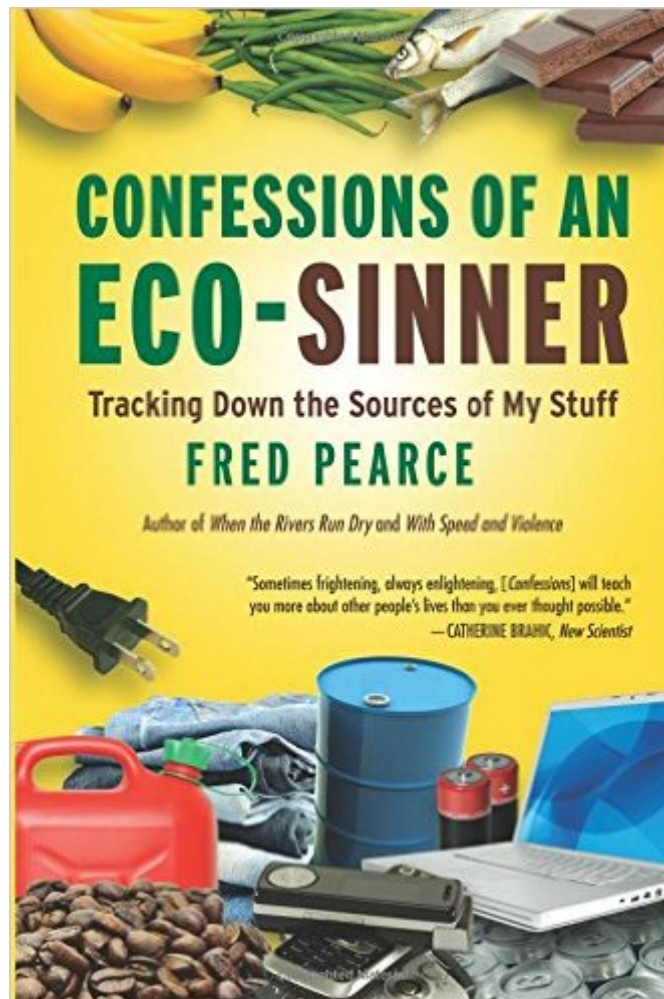


The book was found

Confessions Of An Eco-Sinner: Tracking Down The Sources Of My Stuff



Synopsis

A 2008 Indie Next Pick In *Confessions of an Eco-Sinner*, Fred Pearce surveys his home and then sets out to track down the people behind the production and distribution of everything in his daily life, from his socks to his computer to the food in his fridge. It's a fascinating portrait, by turns sobering and hopeful, of the effects the world's more than six billion inhabitants have on our planet and of the working and living conditions of the people who produce most of these goods.

Book Information

Paperback: 284 pages

Publisher: Beacon Press (October 1, 2009)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0807085952

ISBN-13: 978-0807085950

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.6 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 7.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars See all reviews (15 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #875,467 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #196 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > International & World Politics > Trades & Tariffs #711 in Books > Business & Money > Economics > Sustainable Development #895 in Books > Science & Math > Earth Sciences > Climatology

Customer Reviews

The title "*Confessions of an Eco-Sinner*" had me expecting a different kind of book. I thought Fred Pearce would deliver a sermon about sustainability. But I was wrong. Instead of ecological fire and brimstone, Fred Pearce lets the facts make his argument. And they do, forcefully. This book leaves an impression much more lasting than a sermon. Fred Pearce tells his tales from traveling the world to track down the sources of his "stuff." Food (his green beans from Kenya), clothing, computer equipment, soft drink cans, cars, oil. He finds out where it all comes from, and once used, where it goes as garbage. These are not happy stories. The story of the cotton in his blue jeans sticks with me the most. The cotton likely came from near the Aral Sea. Once the world's fourth largest lake, the Aral Sea is now dying. The story, which can be seen in pictures and maps of the region, is heartbreaking. Starved of the waters of the Syr Darya and the Amu Darya rivers, the Aral Sea has been shrinking for the last 40 years. From the 1930s, the Soviet Union started building huge diversion canals to irrigate vast cotton fields. The plan -- to make cotton a great export earner. This

was achieved, and even today Uzbekistan is still a large exporter of cotton. But the cost in ecological and human terms has been astronomical. The area now suffers constant toxic dust storms. Desert encroaches further daily. The area's people have 9 times the world average rate of throat cancer. Infant and maternity mortality tops all of the former Soviet Union's republics. Respiratory complications, tuberculosis and eye diseases, already high, are still rising sharply. The book has no pictures, but my interest caught, I found some pictures of the region on the Internet.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Confessions of an Eco-Sinner: Tracking Down the Sources of My Stuff Eco-Friendly Cleaning: Money Saving Solutions for a Clean, Green, All-Natural, Non-Toxic, Eco-Friendly Home (eco-friendly, sustainability, homesteading, ... natural cleaning, green home, non-toxic) The De-Textbook: The Stuff You Didn't Know About the Stuff You Thought You Knew Stuff Every Husband Should Know (Stuff You Should Know) The Story of Stuff: How Our Obsession with Stuff Is Trashing the Planet, Our Communities, and Our Health-and a Vision for Change Take-Down Archery: A Do-It-Yourself Guide to Building PVC Take-Down Bows, Take-Down Arrows, Strings and More Sinner's Paradise (Sexy BWWM Romantic Suspense) (Tate Valley Sexy Suspense Series Book 3) The Sinner (Assassins Guild Book 4) Born Sinner (Seven Sinners Book 1) Wholesale Sources: With more than 200 Product Sources for your eBay, , Flea Market and E-Commerce store. International Relations, International Security, and Comparative Politics: A Guide to Reference and Information Sources (Reference Sources in the Social Sciences) Down and Dirty Birding: From the Sublime to the Ridiculous, Here's All the Outrageous but True Stuff You've Ever Wanted to Know About North American Birds The Green Garden: A New England Guide to Planting and Maintaining the Eco-Friendly Habitat Garden Green Your Life: A Guide to Natural, Eco-Friendly Living Emergency Sandbag Shelter and Eco-Village: Manual-How to Build Your Own with Superadobe/Earthbags Design Thinking Research: Building Innovation Eco-Systems (Understanding Innovation) Making Better Concrete: Guidelines to Using Fly Ash for Higher Quality, Eco-Friendly Structures Norma Eco Feng Shui: Aplicable en edificios contruidos: viviendas, hoteles, bancos, etc (Spanish Edition) El Eco Entre Cuatro Paredes (Spanish Edition) El eco negro [The Black Echo]

[Dmca](#)