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The *Live Earth Global Warming Survival Handbook* is the official companion volume to Live Earth concerts, 24 hours of nonstop concerts broadcast from around the world on July 7, 2007. The book presents 77 essential skills for stopping climate change—and for living through it. It is a fun, compelling, and sly deconstruction of a survival guide, think *Boy Scout Handbook* crossed with *WorldChanging* atop the *Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook*, that offers equal parts tongue-in-cheek suggestions, practical advice, factual information, and bluesky dreaming of ways to save the world.

Each skill is presented on a spread featuring a bright, full-color instructional illustration, a brief introduction to the skill and its core ideas, a set of instructions, spin-off ideas, and scientific and environmental facts. The book also includes a resource guide that provides useful resources for the ecoconscious reader.

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James Kirby says

I've been pretty passionate about climate change for several years, so I don't think I was the target audience for this one. The book seems to be written more for skeptics or folks who haven't really cared and thought about climate change very much. At the risk of sounding like an "eco-snob", the tips and information presented here is a bit pedestrian.

I'm glad this book exists and I hope lots of people have read it and learned something, but for me, it was a silly echo chamber. I dug the punk rock band logos on the shirts in some of the illustrations, though!

Choong Chiat says

An informative book which successfully manages to entertain as it educates.

The only complaint that I perhaps have of this book is that it is evidently written for an American and/or Western audience. It would have been better if it was more general in nature. I mean, climate change/global warming is not a phenomenon limited to only the US and other Western countries, is it?

Mia says

Well, dears. It's a handbook, not a book. Helpful when mostly what you are reading is Student Writing. But it's rather cheery, considering its content, and the general doom which lead me to pick it up. Assuming we are free, not fated, assuming the oceans can quiet and cool, here are some very easy things to do, you already know them, but it heartens me to repeat:

- unplug things when you aren't using them
- use natural light and candle light and also your inner glow
- live in small spaces
- take baths together!
- after taking baths together put on many layers so you can keep the thermostat on the d.l.
- collect rainwater
- reuse bags for shopping
- don't eat much or any meat
- read other people's copies of the newspaper
- pay bills online
- repair things
- buy used
- bike
- take the train, not the plane
- own a camel (that's in the apocalyptic section, in the event of...)

I believe in Global Warming. This is a list of tips to help everyday people make adjustments to their lives to minimize their environmental impact. Each of the 77 suggestions is categorized, scaled, and color coded according to cost, time, effort, impact, and other indicators. Each also has a window that says "if 1 million people would do this..." and then what effect that would have on the environment if a million people did that particular thing. My favorite section of the book is in the back, and is prefaced with a big, bright pink warning and skull and crossbones: the "IF ALL ELSE FAILS" section is only to be referred to in case of TOTAL CLIMATE MELTDOWN. Read it yourself and u'll know what I mean :D

77

Funny and informative. I found this book at a Dollar Tree store, and after reading it I felt like I ripped somebody off. This is one of the best books that both gives advice and pokes fun at the paranoia over global warming, while still acknowledging that the environment is in trouble and something needs to be done. My favorite section is the final one, the "In Case of Emergency" section. Whether you are an environmentalist or just want to get a good laugh while doing your part to help make the world a better place, pick this book up and read it.

Here's a grand plan: if you can't turn around this whole global warming trend (or should i make that if we can't turn it around~and can it really be called a trend at this point? Well, maybe by some people, that is, if they acknowledge it at all...) just grab this handy dandy little guide; *The Live Earth Global Warming Survival Handbook: 77 Essential Skills to Stop Climate Change--or Live Through it* by David de Rothschild. Skills 1-67 are the ones for preventing/slowing down global warming and they are helpful suggestions

though there doesn't seem to be any new information offered there; and from 68 on it's "If all else fails" (edged in red). The book itself smacks a little of the Worst Case Scenario handbooks, which i don't think is intentional, and is at least a little off-putting to me. It seems to be aimed at the MTV generation (or rather the generation after it~shall we call them MTV 2.0 generation?) And i don't necessarily mean that as a dig as i am a part of the MTV generation (and that it would be aimed at that sort of visually/music-based attention span seems only appropriate as it is an official companion to the Live Earth Concert Series (and maybe i'm just bitter because i didn't get to go...)). Anyway, i found it a little trite (though the humour was well aimed. If you are young, hip, and a beginner to the whole environmental scene this might be a good choice (just call me old and unhip)

I think, however, if you are looking for some solid information, which is not all doom and gloom with a light touch, somehow *The Green Book: the everyday guide to saving the planet one step at a time* by Elizabeth Rogers and Thomas Kostigen just feels a little better. At least to me (and my opinion is the only one that counts, right?)

Laura says

Laugh to keep from crying, that is David de Rothschild's approach to climate change. This book was entertaining and informative for a green newbie or someone who has been living under a rock for a few years. It offers some practical and some less conventional (and really amusing) skills for reducing global warming or for staying alive if when shit hits the fan and society melts.

Lindsay says

More a book for those who are "new" to global warming, *The Live Earth Global Warming Survival Handbook...* is easy to read, witty, and full of interesting facts. The book cover boasts that the book contains *77 Essential Skills to Stop Climate Change--or Live Through It*. It does have 77 suggestions as to how you can help reduce your carbon footprint, from the simplest step (committing to change) to the most drastic: evolving. While some of the steps are a bit redundant, the book would definitely help inform and inspire someone who really does not know much about the topic of climate change, global warming, etc.

The Live Earth Global Warming Survival Handbook... opened my eyes to a few skills that I hadn't even considered. For example, I had heard of Carbon Offsets, but I did not know exactly what they are. Skill #8 enlightens readers on what exactly Carbon Offsets *are*, how to buy them, and why. I also really liked Skills #26 (Adopt a Glacier), #40 (Retrofit Your Career), #44 (Build a Bat House), & #57 (Catch the Rain).

This book is complete with a guide on how to read the book, and is loaded with websites to reference for more information, which I really, really liked. I did not like some of the humor in the book--I felt like it was a little too thick. I also thought, as stated above, that some of the skills are redundant. Finally, I felt that perhaps some of the skills were just a bit too simple-minded and trite.

Some of the websites the book suggests visiting:

--Find out how heavy your treading on our planet here.

- Discover what carbon offsets really are here, here & here.
- Talk to your kids about global warming!
- Adopt a glacier!
- Decongest Downtown!
- Join a carpool in your area.

Felita Hardigaloeh says

buku yg keren banget.terpampang jelas tips yg diuraikan. tiap lembar full-colour (secara terbitan luar negeri). dan bukunya kecil, macam buku yg bisa dimasukin ke saku.

tips-tips survival mengurangi dampak global warming. ada yg bisa dilakukan individual, ada yg bwt komunitas, bahkan untuk memilih pemimpin-pilih yg mendukung pengurangan global warming. kerennya lg di setiap langkah ada perkiraan seberapa banyak jika tindakan tersebut dilakukan dapat mengurangi CO2 (dg asumsi dilakukan oleh satu komunitas masyarakat).

uniknya, di bab terakhir, diberi langkah survival jika bumi uda bener2 ga bisa ditinggali. walopun imajiner, tapi emang bener.

intinya, ni buku semakin menyadarkan pembacanya untuk kontribusi mengurangi polusi.

Jasmine says

okay the low rating was my mistake not the books. I looked at this and went, oh like the zombie apocalypse... no not like the zombie apocalypse, way way more serious and way less funny.

Okay on other news, I'm moving soon so i'm actually for the first time in a long time recycling books. I'm leaving them in my building and other people take them, it's a good system, mostly because I only have to carry them down the stairs. I'm ditching a few types of books. Books I've read (which are the hardest I can't help but wonder if I might want to read them again, but I let that go knowing I won't get back to 99% of them and the 1% I get back to I can find online/library/used), books I bought but don't want anymore (textbooks, gre books, vocab books, some of my bibles, dictionaries), books that were bought for me that I never would even look at in a store (I know I know but my dad can't seem to figure out that I don't like current affairs or postmodern poetry). So now I'm pack/getting rid and I'm getting closer to Eco's vision of the library of only books you haven't read and want to read, and the closer I get honestly... the more excited.

so the next week or so I'll be reading all the stupid little short books that I'd rather finish then not move, and I'm hoping that all comes out well in the end. cheers all.

Tessa says

actually the 'firsthand' to take me into the world of conscious -environmentally-friendly-living was this book. the oldreads just caught my slight-sight, but this one caught my heart and put me on gear toward better life on earth ^_^ it gives colorful graphic instructions on becoming somewhat be a better inhabitant of motherearth, which suite me just great.... i even managed to influence some family members to be more conscious of what's going on and what we had done to the world with this book. hehe... some say its content's just too shallow, but i figured everyone should atleast start somewhere...

Julia says

You can't really say **all** the skills listed are **essential** but combined with the frightening numbers and a good dose of sarcasm, this book does make you think for a moment.

And the best thing is, it's oriented towards readers from all over the world.

There is always something you can do to help.

I don't really think about daily stuff like riding in a car or choosing to walk somewhere instead of taking the bus, so when it is pointed out, you can either congratulate yourself on the small difference you're making or try to think of an alternative.

From living in the UK for over a year, the one thing that stands out about my city, is traffic.

Terrible, nerve-wrecking, polluting traffic. But there's also good, environmentally friendly initiatives and things that people do out of habit. Like recycling. Everybody's doing it.

Back in Bulgaria, when they put the special glass, paper and plastic bins in my neighborhood, nobody paid attention and me, dragging a full bag of recyclables was seen as something alien and unexplainable. Seriously. Hence why it's so important to educate people, to talk about global warming, cause and effect and anything you could do to stop it. It shouldn't be laughable to see a person recycling, it's should be **frowned upon** seeing a person mindlessly dumping their trash (especially in the street!).

We live in the 21st century after all, and if you want a better future, you have to do something about it. And there is **so much** to be done.

Be observant, be alert and think about your actions.

Ime'... Imelda says

I like this book very much.

It's about how can we fight global warming. I like the way the author presents those 'skills'. the first 67 skills' have enriched my knowledge on things that can be done to fight global warming.

at the end, this book made me laugh by presenting other skills that... i don't really want to be good at :D
being a mutant? c'mon

it is basically says that there are around 67 (reasonable, some a bit strange) skills that we can practice to tackle climate change. the other 10? well, if those 67 doesn't work, probably you'd try those 10 (which is for me myself, i don't want to do even one of those ten).

i like this book :)

a lot ;)

it's simple, readable (for someone who has limitation in understanding English) and... incredibly fun(ny) :))

Tamara says

I appreciated this "green" guide because of it's sense of humor. There are some practical tips, but for the most part, it was more interesting for its humorous take on a very not-funny subject.

The end of the book gives tips about what to do when global warming makes our current lives no longer possible.

One tip involves buying a camel (because they live a long time, can survive long periods of time without food and water, can carry 600 lbs of cargo, can produce milk, and are "recyclable" because they can be eaten when they die).
