



[Green Stacks](#), a partnership of San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco Environment and Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, gives users the inspiration and information for living a greener life. This curated list includes environmental e-books and DVDs that can be found on the [SFPL OverDrive](#).

## E-books

### LOCAL INTEREST

#### **The Art of Simple Food: Notes and Recipes from a Delicious Revolution**

Alice Waters

Bay Area natural food revolutionary presents her principles and recipes for good eating.

#### **Golden Gate Gardening: The Complete Guide to Year-Round Food Gardening in the San Francisco Bay Area and Coastal California**

Pam Peirce

Definitive source on local vegetable gardening tailored for the many climates in the region.

#### **Stairway Walks in San Francisco**

Adah Bakalinsky / Marian Gregoire (CON)

The author has combined dozens of her favorite stairways into 27 guided neighborhood walks. Each stairway walk contains a step-by-step route description that includes notes on historical background, architecture, and other points of interest.

### DO-IT-YOURSELF

#### **The Great Neighborhood Book: A Do-it-yourself Guide to Placemaking.**

Jay Walljasper

Offers techniques to revive a community by transforming public spaces.





## NON-FICTION

### **Food Fight: The Citizen's Guide to a Food and Farm Bill**

Daniel Imhoff

Tell-all on subsidies distorting our food system, our bodies and our future.

### **Food Rules: An Eater's Manual**

Michael Pollan

Whether at the supermarket or an all-you-can-eat-buffet, this handy, pocket-size resource is the perfect guide for anyone who would like to become more mindful of the food we eat.

### **Green Collar Jobs: Environmental Careers for the 21st Century**

Scott M. Deitche / Tim Center (FRW)

Green jobs are becoming one of the most dynamic career paths in the country. In fact, recent studies show that green career growth is outpacing traditional job growth.

### **Hot: Living Through the Next Fifty Years on Earth**

Mark Hertsgaard

HOT is a father's cry against climate change, but most of the book focuses on solutions, offering a deeply reported blueprint for how all of us as parents, communities, companies and countries can navigate this unavoidable new era.

### **How Bad Are Bananas?: The Carbon Footprint of Everything**

Mike Berners-Lee

Part green-lifestyle guide, part popular science, How Bad Are Bananas? is the first book to provide the information we need to make carbon-savvy purchases and informed lifestyle choices, and to build carbon considerations into our everyday thinking.

### **Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder.**

Richard Louv

Extols importance of exposure to nature for physical and emotional development.





## NON-FICTION

### **Plastic: A Toxic Love Story**

Susan Freinkel

In this probing look at how plastic built the modern world-- and the price the world has paid for plastic-- journalist Freinkel points out that we're nearing a crisis point and gives readers the tools needed through lively anecdotes and analysis.

### **Powering the Dream: The History and Promise of Green Technology**

Alexis Madrigal

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### **A Sea in Flames: The Deepwater Horizon Oil Blowout**

Carl Safina

The first book about the BP disaster by a world-renowned oceanographer, A SEA IN FLAMES examines the environmental and social consequences of the spill from the perspective of those directly affected by it.





## FICTION

### **Earth**

David Brin

Ecological disasters threaten the entire planet.

### **Earth Abides**

George Rippey Stewart

Classic of last man on earth after epidemic - and he lives in Berkeley!

### **The Fifth Sacred Thing**

Starhawk

Ecofeminist's epic novel pits San Francisco utopia against Southern California dystopia.

### **Into The Forest**

Jean Hegland

Two sisters survive in the Northern California forest when fuel deliveries to the area cease.

### **The Monkey Wrench Gang**

Edward Abbey

A comic and incendiary call to protect the American wilderness.





## DVDs

### DOCUMENTARIES

#### **The Botany of Desire**

Shows how human desires are an essential, intricate part of natural history. The program will explore the natural history of four plants -the apple, the tulip, marijuana, and the potato - and the corresponding human desires - sweetness, beauty, intoxication and control. This two-hour documentary begins in Michael Pollan's garden, and roams the world, from the fields of Iowa to the apple forests of Kazakhstan, from a medical marijuana hot house to the tulip markets of Amsterdam.

#### **Food, Inc.**

Exposes how our nation's food supply is now controlled by a handful of corporations that often put profits ahead of consumer health, the livelihood of the American farmer, the safety of workers and our own environment.

#### **The National Parks: America's Best Idea**

Chronicles the history of America's national parks system from its birth in the middle 1800s to the present day.

#### **The Story of Stuff**

"A fast-paced, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns, with a special focus on the United States. All the stuff in our lives, beginning from the extraction of the resources to make it, through its production, sale, use and disposal, affects communities at home and abroad, yet most of this is hidden from view. [The film] exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues and calls for all of us to create a more sustainable and just world" -- <http://www.storyofstuff.org>

