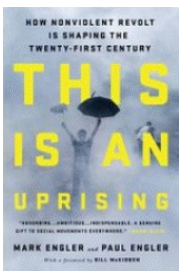


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This is an uprising

Mark Engler and Paul Engler.

SUNRISE MOVEMENT NYC recommendation "The book sets the stage for Sunrise's organizational model. It explains how nonviolent protest can shift political structures, and provides valuable context for Sunrise's organizational model - which is based on a hybrid of massive

collective action and decentr...

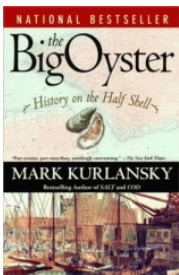


Rising : dispatches from the new American shore

Rush, Elizabeth A., author.

350 BROOKLYN recommendation "'Rising' by Elizabeth Rush made me want to become active...it narrates stories of landscapes and people showing how climate change is already shaping us and the world and within these stories teaches

the reader a lot about how this will continue if we don't take action...



The big oyster

Mark Kurlansky.

JAMAICA BAY-ROCKAWAY PARKS CONSERVANCY recommendation "The Big Oyster walks readers through the history of our city and its unique relationship with the oyster, from its native people to first settlers to modern day. As we celebrate 50 years of Earth Day and

ask Brooklynites to take climate action...

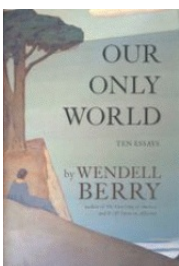


Our house is on fire : Scenes of a Family and a Planet in Crisis

Thunberg, Greta, 2003- author.

This just-released title from the family of Greta Thunberg details the beginning of Greta's journey to becoming a climate hero--her depression, diagnosis with

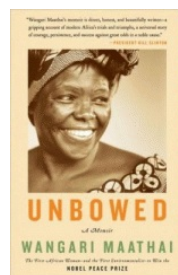
obsessive compulsive disorder, selective mutism & Asperger syndrome, and the shifts her family made to accommodate her 'superpower'. The book...



Our only world

Wendell Berry.

Poet, novelist, farmer, and champion environmentalist Wendell Berry offers 10 thought-provoking pieces examining the challenges we face and urging individual action.



Unbowed : a memoir

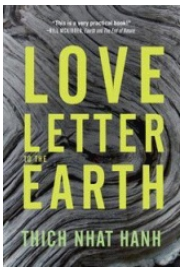
Maathai, Wangari.

A moving and inspirational memoir of the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize. Wangari Maathai was the founder of the Green Belt Movement and a tireless environmental, social, and political activist.

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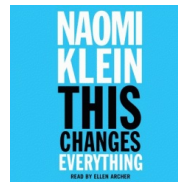
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Love letter to the Earth

Thich Nhat Hanh.

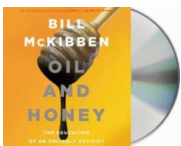
Zen master and global spiritual leader Thich Nhat Hanh offers mindfulness exercises to help readers cultivate a deep love for the Earth, and understand that people and planet are one and the same, not separate entities.



This changes everything

Naomi Klein.

350 BROOKLYN recommendation "The book that has most influenced me is 'This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. The Climate' by Naomi Klein. It's brilliant, but it's challenging." Canadian activist, author & filmmaker Klein argues that the free market will never solve the climate crisis and calls fo...



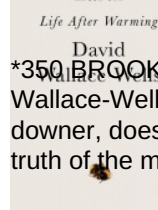
Oil and honey

Bill McKibben.

350 BROOKLYN recommendation "Bill McKibben's Oil and Honey: The Education of an Unlikely Activist contrasts

McKibben's commitment to local economies — he partners up with a beekeeper in his Vermont valley — while he finds himself drawn into the fight against the Keystone XL pipeline and other clim...

The uninhabitable earth : life after warming



Wallace-Wells, David, author.

350 BROOKLYN recommendation "I thought David Wallace-Wells book The Uninhabitable Earth, while a downer, does make a very good case for acting now. The truth of the matter is, all serious climate crisis writing today is frightening because that's where we really are."