

In *Abundant Earth*, Eileen Crist not only documents the rising tide of biodiversity loss, but also lays out the drivers of this wholesale destruction and how we can push past them. Looking beyond the familiar litany of causes—a large and growing human population, rising livestock numbers, expanding economies and international trade, and spreading infrastructures and incursions upon wildlands—she asks the key question: if we know human expansionism is to blame for this ecological crisis, how might we take steps to halt it? Crist urges us to confront the reality that humanity will not advance by entrenching its domination over the biosphere. On the contrary, we will stagnate in the identity of nature colonizer and decline into conflict as we vie for natural resources. Instead, we must chart another course, choosing to live in fellowship within the vibrant ecologies of our wild and domestic cohorts, and enfolding human inhabitation within the rich expanse of a biodiverse, living planet.

"Abundant Earth is a gem of a book. Eileen Crist clearly shows how essential it is for humans to appreciate that we're just one species among many, to recognize that it's high time that we deeply appreciate and embrace Earth's biodiversity, and to understand that we're not superior or 'better' than other animals. . . . Future generations surely will inherit a different planet. However, different doesn't necessarily mean a worse place to live if we reconnect with nature, rewild ourselves, and come to understand that we're just one of a gang of many diverse beings, all of whom matter."

MARC BEKOFF, author of *Rewilding Our Hearts: Building Pathways of Compassion and Coexistence* and *Canine Confidential: Why Dogs Do What They Do*

"No one has dealt with the issue of human supremacy and 'the fate of the earth' in the systematic and extensive manner that Crist does in this book. Her work is meticulous and thorough—and it is deeply provocative."

LISI KRALL, author of *Proving Up: Domesticating Land in US History*

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