

# By J R Mcneill Something New Under The Sun An Environmental History Of The Twentieth Century World The Global Century Series 31801

## A Sun-Kissed Voyage Through Time: Discovering J.R. McNeill's "Something New Under the Sun"

Prepare yourselves, dear readers, for a journey that will tickle your intellect, stir your soul, and perhaps even make you giggle with delightful recognition! J.R. McNeill's **"Something New Under the Sun: An Environmental History of the Twentieth Century World"**, part of The Global Century Series, isn't just a book; it's an invitation. An invitation to step into a world that, while perhaps more familiar than fantastical, is painted with such vivid imagination and emotional depth that it feels utterly magical. If you thought history was a dusty affair, think again! McNeill has bottled the essence of the 20th century and presented it to us with a wink and a smile.

What truly sets this book apart is its utterly captivating, almost whimsical, approach to the often weighty topic of environmental history. McNeill doesn't just present facts; he weaves them into a narrative tapestry that is both profoundly informative and surprisingly personal. You'll find yourself marveling at the sheer ingenuity and, at times, the sheer folly of humanity's interaction with our planet. It's like eavesdropping on the planet's most fascinating gossip session, where the stars are industrial revolutions, scientific breakthroughs, and the subtle yet seismic shifts in our relationship with nature.

The emotional depth here is palpable. McNeill has a knack for making you feel the triumphs and the heartaches of progress, the anxieties and the hopes that shaped our century. You'll

empathize with the scientists striving for answers, the communities adapting to change, and even, in a strange and wonderful way, with the planet itself as it grappled with our relentless presence. This isn't a dry academic tome; it's a living, breathing account that will resonate with readers of all ages. Children will be enthralled by the grand sweep of events, while seasoned academics will discover fresh perspectives and nuanced interpretations.

Let's talk about the "imaginative setting." While the setting is our Earth, McNeill's prose transforms it into a stage where epic dramas unfold. He paints landscapes that come alive, from bustling industrial cities spewing smoke into the sky to pristine wildernesses teetering on the brink of change. You can almost smell the coal smoke and feel the cool spray of nascent hydroelectric dams. The humor, a delightful undercurrent throughout, comes from McNeill's keen observation of human nature and our often-unintended consequences. It's the kind of humor that makes you nod in agreement, a knowing chuckle at our collective journey.

**"Something New Under the Sun"** is a book that will educate, entertain, and inspire you. It's the perfect companion for:

**General readers** looking for a captivating and accessible entry into environmental history.

**Professionals** seeking a broader understanding of the historical forces that shape our present and future.

**Avid readers** who appreciate masterful storytelling and insightful commentary.

**Anyone** with a curious mind and a love for a well-told tale.

This is not merely a book to be read and forgotten; it is a timeless classic that continues to capture hearts worldwide because it speaks to our shared human experience and our profound connection to the world around us. McNeill's ability to distill complex historical trends into digestible, engaging narratives is nothing short of brilliant. It's a book that invites reflection, sparks conversation, and ultimately, empowers us to understand our past in order to shape a more hopeful future.

My heartfelt recommendation? Dive in! Whether you're revisiting this magnificent journey or embarking on it for the first time, **"Something New Under the Sun"** is an essential read. It's a testament to McNeill's extraordinary talent, a powerful reminder of our planet's resilience, and a truly enchanting experience that will leave you with a renewed

appreciation for the world we inhabit. Prepare to be enlightened, entertained, and utterly enchanted. This is a book that deserves a place on every bookshelf.

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an environmental history of the world is a concise history from ancient to modern times of the interaction between human societies and the other forms of life that inhabit our planet this original work follows a chronological path through the history of mankind in relationship to ecosystems around the world each chapter concentrates on a general period in human history which has been characterised by large scale changes in the relationship of human societies to the biosphere and gives three case studies that illustrate the significant patterns

occurring at that time little environmental or historical knowledge is assumed from the reader in this introduction to environmental history

the environmental history of early modern times is a seminal and lively field of historical research this volume offers ten concise essays that provide an overview of current research debates on a broad span of topics such as historical climatology and climate reconstruction coping with disaster land use and agricultural knowledge forest history urbanization the perceptions of alpine nature and societal dealings with water and rivers taken together the contributions establish early modern studies as a promising laboratory for new avenues in environmental history series austria research and science history austria forschung und wissenschaft geschichte vol 10 subject history environmental studies

ecology and empire forged a historical partnership of great power and one which particularly in the last 500 years radically changed human and natural history across the globe this book scrutinizes european expansion from the perspectives of the so called colonized peripheries the settler societies it begins with australia as a prism through which to consider the relations between settlers and their lands but moves well beyond this to a range of lands of empire it uses their distinctive ecologies and histories to shed new light on both the imperial and the settler environmental experience ecology and empire also explores the way in which the science of ecology itself was an artifact of empire drawing together the fields of imperial history and the history of science

nature s nation examines our consumer based industrial and urban society and notes the heavy price paid to create this by placing the political economic social and cultural development of the u s within an environmental framework

this edited volume engages with some of the most dynamic themes in current research on east asian environmental history including agricultural science war and the environment imperial forestry oceanic history and the history of energy chapters in this book supply an overview of environmental history as a rapidly expanding field continuing to generate valuable insights into the mutually constitutive relationship between human societies and the biophysical environment the book is divided into three parts part i consists of three chapters related to land use while part ii includes five chapters that focus on water a topic of perennial concern among environmental historians of east asia especially as it relates to irrigation food production and marine fisheries part iii consists of two chapters discussing

the impact of new technologies on air quality in addition to the history of energy in east asia which has emerged as an important area of inquiry at the intersection between both environmental history and the history of science and technology perspectives on environmental history in east asia changes in the land water and air will appeal to students and scholars of east asian studies environmental history and environmental sciences

from the outset society in japan has been shaped by its environmental context the lush green mountainous archipelago of today with its highly productive lowlands supports a population of more than 127 million people and one of the most advanced economies in the world how has this come about and at what environmental cost conrad totman one of the world s foremost scholars on japanese here provides a comprehensive and detailed account of the country s environmental history from its beginnings to the present day professor totman traces the country s development through successive historical phases as early agricultural society based on non intensive forms of cultivation gave way to more intensified forms with each stage came greater utilisation of natural resources but a steady reduction in the richness of the indigenous biosystem by the late seventeenth century the country was well on the way to ecological disaster yet japan s isolation in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries led to an unusually enlightened set of environmental policies and the system of regenerative forestry brought in during the tokugawa period prevented certain devastation of the country s forests at the end of the nineteenth century however the country began to go to the opposite extreme as industrialisation brought with it a period of unprecedented change growth and diversification led to a surge in environmental pollution as it became necessary to look beyond the country s domestic natural resources to meet the demand for foodstuffs fossil fuels and the raw materials necessary to an advanced industrial economy the population was particularly badly affected and some of the problems that emerged especially from the 1960s onwards provided important test cases not just for japan but worldwide what makes the japanese story particularly instructive is that the country s boundaries are uncommonly clear and the nature timing and extent of external influences on its history are unusually identifiable the japanese experience therefore not only yields important insights into the processes of environmental history it offers important lessons for the wider environmental history of the planet and for our understanding of current global ecological problems a work of immense erudition and reflecting a lifetime of scholarship japan an environmental history will be welcomed by all with an interest in environmental history and the historical development of japan

increasing awareness of the extent and cause of environmental problems has fuelled the emergence of a new and timely discipline environmental history an exciting blend of geography history archaeology anthropology landscape environment and science it seeks to reveal how human activity has affected the environment in the past and how we in turn have been affected by that environment how did people use and transform their environment what problems of pollution and resource depletion occurred what has been the impact of industrialisation and urbanisation how have people s perceptions of nature and the environment changed over time environmental historians are revealing how and why our environment changed in the past they are providing key insights into the mechanisms that influence environmental change today and are helping to make informed decisions on crucial environmental concerns such as deforestation desertification pollution global warming and climate change professor whyte s a dictionary of environmental history provides in a single volume a comprehensive reference work covering the past 12 000 years of the earth s environmental history an introduction to the discipline is followed by almost 1 000 entries covering key terminology events places dates topics as well as the major personalities in the history of the discipline entries range from shorter factual accounts to substantial mini essays on major topics and issues fully cross referenced and with an extensive bibliography this pioneering work provides an authoritative yet accessible resource that will form essential reading for academics practitioners and students of environmental history and related disciplines bloomsbury publishing

this book is an introductory instrument to the main themes of environmental history illustrating its development over time methodological implications results achieved and those still under discussion but the overriding aspiration is to show that the doubts methods and knowledge elaborated by environmental history have a heuristic value that is far from negligible precisely in its attitude to the most consolidated major historiography for this reason this book gives an overview of environmental history as it is an essential component of the basic knowledge of global history at the same time it introduces specific aspects which are useful both for anyone wanting to deepen his her studies of environmental historiography and for those interested in one of the many disciplinary areas from rural history to urban history from the history of technology to the history of public health etc with which environmental history develops a dialogue

a unifying discussion of our increasingly integrated global economy higher population levels

and greater resource demands

environmental history formerly environmental history review has helped define an entire discipline through the publication of the finest scholarship of humanists social and natural scientists and a variety of other professionals out of the woods gathers the best of this scholarship

a fresh look at the history of environmentalism in the united states challenging current thinking and presenting an innovative perspective

traces how canada s colonial and national development contributed to modern environmental problems such as urban sprawl the collapse of fisheries and climate change includes over 200 photographs maps figures and sidebar discussions on key figures concepts and cases offers concise definitions of environmental concepts ties canadian history to issues relevant to contemporary society introduces students to a new dynamic approach to the past throughout history most people have associated northern north america with wilderness with abundant fish and game snow capped mountains and endless forest and prairie canada s contemporary picture gallery however contains more disturbing images deforested mountains empty fisheries and melting ice caps adopting both a chronological and thematic approach laurel macdowell examines human interactions with the land and the origins of our current environmental crisis from first peoples to the kyoto protocol this richly illustrated exploration of the past from an environmental perspective will change the way canadians and others around the world think about and look at canada

what is environmental history it is a kind of history that seeks understanding of human beings as they have lived worked and thought in relationship to the rest of nature through the changes brought by time in this new edition of his seminal student textbook j donald hughes provides a masterful overview of the thinkers topics and perspectives that have come to constitute the exciting discipline that is environmental history he does so on a global scale drawing together disparate trends from a rich variety of countries into a unified whole illuminating trends and key themes in the process those already familiar with the discipline will find themselves invited to think about the subject in a new way this new edition has been updated to reflect recent developments trends and new work in environmental history as well as a brand new note on its possible future students and scholars new to environmental history will find the book both an indispensable guide and a

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rich source of inspiration for future work

india over the decades has experienced multiple changes including population explosion urbanisation technological advancement commercialisation of agriculture change in land use pattern vast improvement of infrastructure facilities etc which have had an impact on the environment author velayutham saravanan attempts to understand the complexity of the environmental history of contemporary india from the early nineteenth to the early twenty first centuries environmental history of contemporary india begins with an analysis of land use patterns and population and their impact on the environment further it discusses the exploitation of natural resources for commercial motives by the colonial administration and argues that the colonial commercial policy of over one and a half centuries had impacted the ecology and environment the book also deliberates whether the postcolonial government policies have changed in favour of environmental protection or have continued with the colonial policy and attempts to throw light on the issues of how the land for development policies have impacted the environment from the early nineteenth century until recent years it then looks at the problem of electronic waste and its adverse impact on the environment ecology and health in a historical manner while engaging with the complexity of the conflict between land and population in relation to the environment the book is the most comprehensive presentation on land population technology and development that india has witnessed since the early nineteenth century

this book brings to attention the history of places that have traditionally remained under the radar in discussions of war and the environment through site based studies of five training areas in southwest england and wales salisbury plain lulworth dartmoor sennybridge and castlemartin at these sites the big events of the twentieth century are written into landscapes that absorb their impact and reflect change in intriguing ways here however environment is more than a canvas on which historical forces play out it has an agency of its own as the depiction of the surprising nature and robust habitats of the training areas recognises an environmental history of the uk defence estate 1945 to the present critically examines the gradual greening of the mod as it developed policies of military environmentalism it includes the histories of the ghost villages created by forced evictions and charts the rise and fall of anti military protest movements it depicts heated confrontations mass trespasses and demands for public access alongside conservation work and training activities situating the human histories of these sites within their



environmental history and taking the reader behind the barbed wire in the first study of its kind

this environmental history of the former soviet union explores the impact that state economic development programs had on the environment

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this is a history of the environment of england wales and scotland and of the interactions of people place and nature since the last ice sheet withdrew some ten thousand years ago it is concerned with the changing cultures in the full anthropological sense of the peoples inhabiting britain as well as with the environment they transformed exploited abused and cherished as the author points out every culture in britain has had to acknowledge its placement on a set of islands 50 n where any month of the year can be the wettest month of the year where there are some long shallow estuaries and a few deep inlets and where cereals do not reliably ripen 300 metres above sea level cultural imagination cannot alter these realities but it can variously view them as dangerous or picturesque as economic or uneconomic the book is a history of changing reflexivity in the interactions between people culture and nature the book is structured as a chronological narrative it is written with unusual grace wit and clarity and illustrated with 50 photographs and some 60 maps and diagrams all specially prepared for this book the author draws on a very wide range of sources and uses scientific evidence as well as the conventional historical record as well as on his own experience of the landscapes of britain this is cultural and natural history at its best with a wide appeal within and without the academy

the oxford handbook of environmental history draws on a wealth of new scholarship to offer diverse perspectives on the state of the field

the companion to global environmental history offers multiple points of entry into the history and historiography of this dynamic and fast growing field to provide an essential road map to past developments current controversies and future developments for specialists and newcomers alike combines temporal geographic thematic and contextual approaches from prehistory to the present day explores environmental thought and action around the world to give readers a cultural intellectual and political context for engagement with the environment in modern times brings together environmental historians from around the

world including scholars from south africa brazil germany and china

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