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"50 Simple Things You Can Do To Save The Earth"

by the Earth Works Group

Reviewed by Shawn Snider

We as human beings occupy a powerful and important place in the universe. We virtually hold life in our hands. We can destroy it, disfigure it, improve it and even reproduce it. But there is one thing we cannot do and that is bring it back from the dead.

If we continue an assault of depletion, eradication, and unconcerned pollution on everything this globe has to offer, then there will certainly be no hope for the survival of PLANET EARTH.

A group out of Berkeley, California, known as The Earth Works, decided that it was time someone did something about the lack of information and its availability to those concerned individuals who think that they can make a difference and are willing to try.

The Earth Works put together this small in size but large in content handbook that simply and effectively explains (using recycled ink and paper) just what you as one person can do to help out mighty yet fragile planet.

This handbook shows how contributions from friends, relatives and neighbors can make a difference to nature's ecological balance.

We can make a difference and "50 Simple Things You Can Do To Save The Earth" was written to inform us of what steps we can take to help out planet live on

into the next generation.

The book opens by explaining what is happening currently in areas such as ozone depletion, air and water pollution and toxic waste disposal. After these catastrophic scenarios are explained the next phase of the book delves into the things that can be done by we



individuals to help curb and even turn back the tide of destruction, which, as the book explains, will eventually destroy our world.

You will find simple solutions such as:

Recycling newspapers, which could save over 500,000 trees every week.

The use of organic pesticides by only 10% of all lawn owners would remove 2.5 to 5 million pounds of toxic chemicals from the environment every year.

The installation of low flow shower head would, without any noticeable loss of flow, save billions of gallons of water every year.

The last part of the book lists agencies to contact regarding such issues as conservation and rain forest destruction.

With 50 acres of rain forest being destroyed per minute and considering they produce 40 percent of the world's oxygen, their survival might well be our survival.

The authors have ingeniously laid out this information in stirring and comprehensible terms that one is able to relate to and translate into workable action.

Not only will you come away with a better understanding of our planet's problems, but also with a new interest in participating in its rejuvenation and preservation.

The words of Edmund Burke grace the first page as he sums up what he feels the book is all about, "Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little."

"The Burden of Proof"

by Scott Turow

Reviewed by Bonar Tucker

Having placed Scott Turow's first novel, "Presumed Innocent" on my personal list of top ten favorites, I was more than anxious to see if his just-released second book could make an equal grade.

"The Burden of Proof" turned out to be just as suspenseful, just as dramatic and every bit as good as "Presumed Innocent".

Turow's ability to generate strong interweavings between characters and events is outstanding.

Take for instance Sandy Stern, the defense lawyer from "Presumed Innocent" who arrives home from a business trip in "Burden of Proof" to find his wife Clara has committed suicide. After 30 years of marriage, Stern doesn't have a clue for her motive.

He tries to come to terms with Clara's death while evaluating his relationship with their three children: Marta, a New York lawyer; Peter, a doctor; and Kate, a school teacher married to her high school sweetheart. During this, he inquires about a mysterious medical lab bill he has uncovered in Clara's papers and a large withdrawal from Clara's account just before her death.

Stern also handles the legal and financial affairs of his brother-in-law who just happens to be the target of an investigation of the federal grand jury.

The legal maneuvers Turow creates make this story ring true for those knowledgeable of the law and novices as well. Sentiments, familiar to the audience, are intricately displayed with Turow's use of dialogue. The realities of middle age limitations are even revealed when Stern becomes involved with a U.S. attorney who turns out to be married and pregnant and 40 years old. In short, Turow seems to depict a slice of life for each reader to relate to.

Turow, a Chicago lawyer, is an expert in creating credible characters. This reader became convinced of Stern's emotional journey as well as his loyalties to himself, his clients and to his family.

Two years ago "Presumed Innocent" showed up from out of nowhere and became a summer best seller. Its astounding success will continue with a soon-to-be-released motion picture of the book. "Burden of Proof" could easily follow in its footsteps, creating another tough act to follow while keeping readers (myself included) eagerly awaiting Turow's next masterpiece.

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