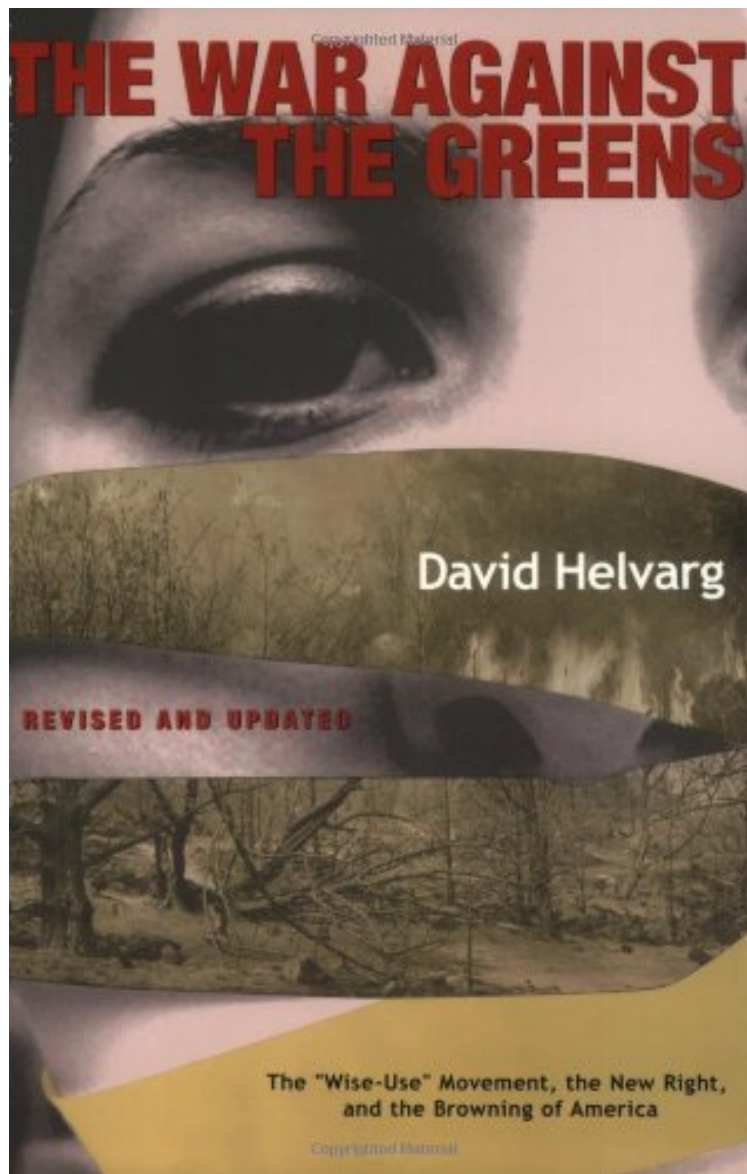


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Despite many battles lost, the war is being won. By Rob M. In the war against environmentalists, battles are being won by the neo-cons, wise-use movement, the New Right, and the Browning of America. Yet, the war is being won by people speaking truth to power at every turn, people standing strong, armed with the belief that we can still leave our kids and future generations a good life in a good land. Despite the darkness of blatant greed and corruption, the will of the American people always burns bright. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The story of the Wise Use Movement from an unabashedly liberal standpoint. By Arthur Digbee. In this book, journalist David Helvarg tells the story of the Wise Use Movement (WUM), one of the periodic protest movements that springs up in the American West. The WUM was a loose confederation of anti-environmental groups, linking local groups concerned about jobs in their communities with national corporations in the mining and logging industries. The book is a good read, though longer than it needs to be. It reflects Helvarg's liberalism and environmentalism that tinge his interpretations. For example, he'll take gratuitous swipes at the Reagan administration, or make irrelevant comments about abortion rights. More important, Helvarg tends sometimes toward conspiracy theories that overemphasize the role of corporate interests. As a result, he doesn't always give credit to the real grassroots elements of the WUM, nor these locals' decisions to build an alliance with national corporations as a way to fund their own agendas. (Some of those corporations have hijacked some of these groups, of course.) But in some cases, such as Bill Grannell and People for the West, Helvarg provides a fair-minded summary of the group - - helped, no doubt, by Grannell's family history of labor organizers and his own history as a Democratic politician in Oregon. Despite the bias, Helvarg tells some important stories here. He documents anti-environmentalist violence, up to and including murder. He shows the unwillingness of the FBI to investigate these crimes or any interstate conspiracy behind them, even as the same agency pursued less-violent eco-terrorists who spiked trees and engaged in other monkeywrenching. The book was published in 1994, so it has some time capsule qualities to it for the modern reader. I haven't found any better book on the WUM, though the movement continues to attract some scholarly articles. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Law Institutes Against the People and the Planet. By Stuart R Johnson. Helvarg has provided the clearest description available of how the various environmental disinformation agencies were established by corporations to "ATTACK" the efforts of individuals and organizations that defend the environment. On page 308 we read: "In 1971 the US Chamber of Commerce hired attorney and future Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell to advise it on how to counter environmental and consumer activists. He recommended the formation of a business-sponsored legal center that would not hesitate to 'attack the [Ralph] Naders . . . and others who openly seek destruction of the system.' In 1973 the Pacific Legal Foundation, the first of a chain of business-sponsored 'public interest' law firms, was established in Sacramento, California." This chapter needs to be studied by students and the general public who are not aware of the amount of money corporations put into suppressing environmental protection, money that is channeled through foundations that operate on tax-exempt funds, exempt because they supposedly serve the public interest. More business destruction of our society and the biosphere on which it depends. Read this book and cry scandal!

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environmental activists. Helvarg also documents the failure of the FBI to prevent such violence.