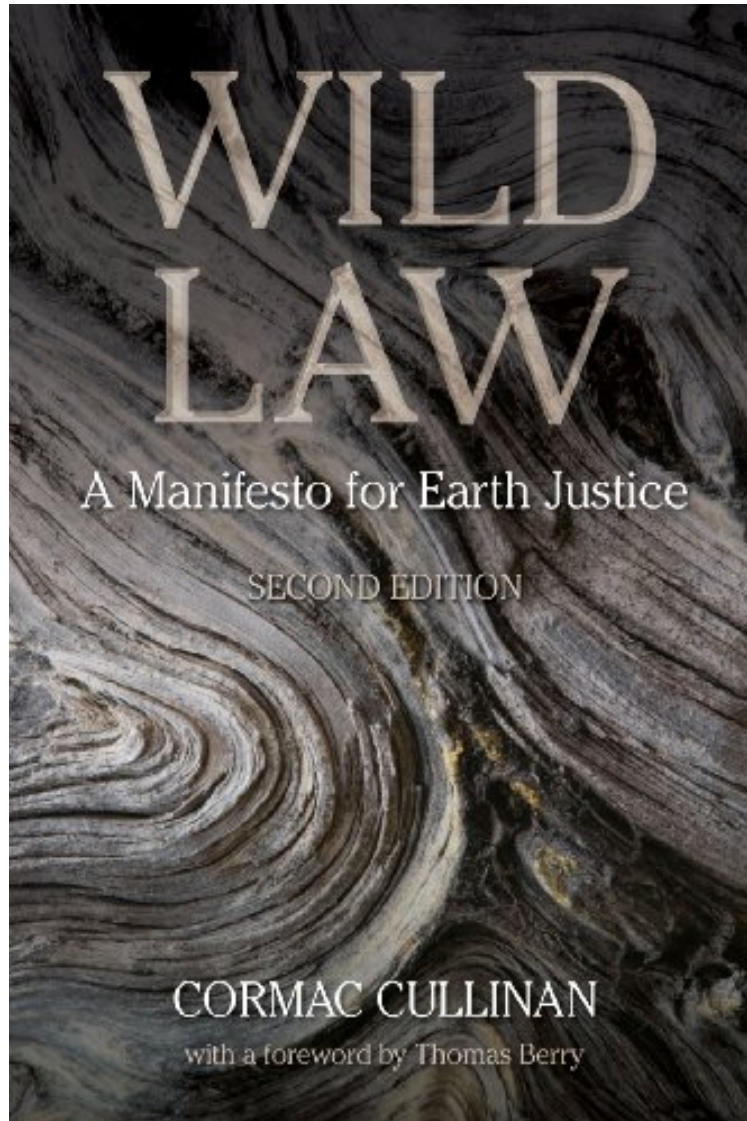


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Consciousness ChangingBy Kathryn AlexanderI have always loved nature. I consider myself a deep thinker and very ethical. Cormac taught me much! I love his applications of systems thinking and I love his heart. This is a must read if you care for the Earth!!!0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Mild-mannered Call For A Paradigm ShiftBy SLSIn his new edition of Wild Law, Cormac Cullinan applies his legal background to the position that Planet Earth has inherent natural rights, going as far as to include a

"manifesto" which specifically verbalizes these rights. In its several starts and introductions, this book lays out how modern (mostly Western) civilization has been conducting a calculated assault on the planet. It's not that we do not have enough law, but that we do not have the RIGHT law, or in his nomenclature an "Earth Governance Hierarchy". He proposes that an international covenant should be developed and enforced, by which all nations would literally swear to Cullinan's "Universal Declaration of Mother Earth Rights". (It is this Declaration, included as an appendix, which is one of the 2 new additions in this second edition.) While blaming the legalities of the American Constitution in one sentence and calling for new "legal structures and political establishments" in the other, Cullinan clearly believes the world did not respond to his manifesto's first edition in 2002 with the requisite attitude change. Unfortunately, I fear this edition will be no more effective. Although I do indeed agree with the need and the urgency to treat our planet more benignly (and I agree with his new concept that governance should be in balance with nature, not a conquest of it), his style here is frankly lacking luster and spirit. He uses a terminology which becomes clichéd and forced, making countless references to cultural DNA, Gaia, and holons. Rather quickly, I found his messages to be more meandering than meaty, repeating at frequent intervals across 15 chapters that lose their distinctiveness. Some readers will find Cullinan's approach calming and convincing, while others will find the repetition unrelenting and uninspired. For a book with the word "manifesto" in its subtitle, any reader might well expect a more robust and highly energized read. Perhaps what Cullinan's original message needed was not a second edition, but a more efficiently pointed and poignant first one.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Read for Inspiration, Not for Practical Application  
By Wildness "Wild Law: A Manifesto for Earth Justice" is a call for the next evolution of modern civilization. Some criticism of this book has centered on the practical application of what this book calls for - I didn't read it as a manifesto of practical change, but instead as a manifesto of philosophical change. Humans, whether we want to admit to it or not, are an integral part of the world's ecosystem; we cannot disconnect ourselves from it through scripture or cybernetics... no matter what we do to ourselves - our bodies, our brains, our religions, our civilizations - we will still be a part of the whole. Some would call this the Gaia theory, but to me it is just obvious, common sense. If you kill the predators in an ecosystem, the ecosystem will change; if you alter how we do something, it will change the ecosystem. Everything is connected to some degree or another. What "Wild Law" proposes is that we alter our laws - our very civil structure - to take into account that we are a part of the greater system, and what we do affects that system. Unless we blow the atmosphere off this planet, whether humans are here or not and whether this planet can support human life or not, history has shown that some form of life will likely continue on planet Earth. If we can evolve our civilization to live more in sync with our planet, its ecosystem, and every other living thing, we can enhance our chances of continuing to be a part of that system.

A Guide to my Book Rating System: 1 star = The wood pulp would have been better utilized as toilet paper. 2 stars = Don't bother, clean your bathroom instead. 3 stars = Wasn't a waste of time, but it was time wasted. 4 stars = Good book, but not life altering. 5 stars = This book changed my world in at least some small way.

We are rapidly destroying our only habitat, Earth. It is becoming clear that many of the treaties, laws and policies concluded in recent years have failed to slow down, let alone halt or reverse, this process. Cormac Cullinan shows that the survival of the community of life on Earth (including humans) requires us to alter fundamentally our understanding of the nature and purpose of law and governance, rather than merely changing laws. In describing what this new 'Earth governance' and 'Earth jurisprudence' might look like, he also gives practical guidance on how to begin moving towards it. Wild Law fuses politics, legal theory, quantum physics and ancient wisdom into a fascinating and eminently readable story. It is an inspiring and stimulating book for anyone who cares about Earth and is concerned about the direction in which the human species is moving.

"Every now and then, an idea emerges that helps the human species to evolve. Wild Law is one such idea and is brilliantly explained in this book. Cormac Cullinan leads us toward a new relationship with Mother Earth - just in time."--Maude Barlow, activist, co-founder of the Blue Planet Project and author of Blue Covenant: The Global Water Crisis  
"Even in an age that feels itself to be enlightened and humane, and condemns cruelty to animals, and claims to take "the environment" seriously, the idea of "Wild Law" still seems, to many, to be bizarre. How can wild creatures, or landscapes, be granted the same kind of respect - the same rights - in law, as a human being? Yet, as Cormac Cullinan argues so powerfully, the morality of this is clear, and the logic of the case seems impeccable. Indeed we should be asking, can we claim to be fully civilized in the absence of such laws?"--Colin Tudge, author of The Secret Life of Trees, Feeding People is Easy and Consider the Birds: How They Live and Why They Matter  
"The arrogance of the 'civilised' world has blinded it to the wisdom of the indigenous people for too long. Cormac Cullinan's call for the indigenous voices and the wisdom of thousands of years of human experience to be heard in the heart of our governance systems is both timely and powerful. This provocative and groundbreaking book is an important milestone in the process of finding a viable ecological role for contemporary human societies."--Martin von Hildebrand, coordinator of COAMA, programme for indigenous people in Colombia, which received the Right Livelihood Award in 1999  
"This book of Cormac Cullinan explains with great clarity how we can change our entire approach to governance

so that we can continue life on a liveable planet. In its basic outlines this book is one of the finest contributions to the entire field of jurisprudence in recent times."--Thomas Berry "We desperately need some new thinking today about systems of global governance. We're stuck with the same obsolete, ignore-the-earth institutions that were brought into being after the 2nd World War, and they're now failing us ever more catastrophically. Wild Law shows just how radical we now need to be in creating new institutions that are genuinely 'fit for purpose' in the 21st Century."--Jonathon Porritt, Director of Forum for the Future "Africa, the cradle of humanity, is rich in biodiversity and human cultures. Both are being degraded and destroyed by a world order that has forgotten the role we need to play in the Earth system and the value of communities. This important book shows not only why we need to revise our governance systems completely, but also how to begin doing so in a way that draws inspiration from nature and from our diverse human communities."--Professor Wangari Maathai, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and founder of the Green Belt Movement "Wild law is to law what quantum physics is to physics"--Alessandro Pelizzon, co-founder of Earth Laws, the Australian network on Wild Law and Earth Jurisprudence "Wild Law is a stimulating, eminently readable response to our governance crisis. The survival of our species and health of the Earth family depends on our ability to transform governance systems so that humans become part of the ecological matrix of biological and cultural diversity. This book is a milestone on that path."--Dr. Vandana Shiva, President of the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology, and author of *Staying Alive* and *Water Wars*

About the Author Cormac Cullinan is an author, practicing environmental attorney, and governance expert who has worked on environmental governance issues in more than twenty countries. He is a director both of Cullinan and Associates, Inc., a specialist environmental and green-business law firm, and the governance consultancy EnAct International. At the invitation of Bolivia, Cullinan spoke at the 2009 Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen and led the drafting of the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth, which was proclaimed on April 22, 2010, by the People's World Conference on Climate Change and the Environment in Bolivia. In September 2010, Cullinan played a leading role in establishing a Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature and currently sits on the Executive Committee of the Alliance. Cullinan is also a research associate of the University of Cape Town, sits on the City of Cape Town's climate-change think tank, and is a nonexecutive director of ICLEI Africa. He lives in Cape Town, South Africa.