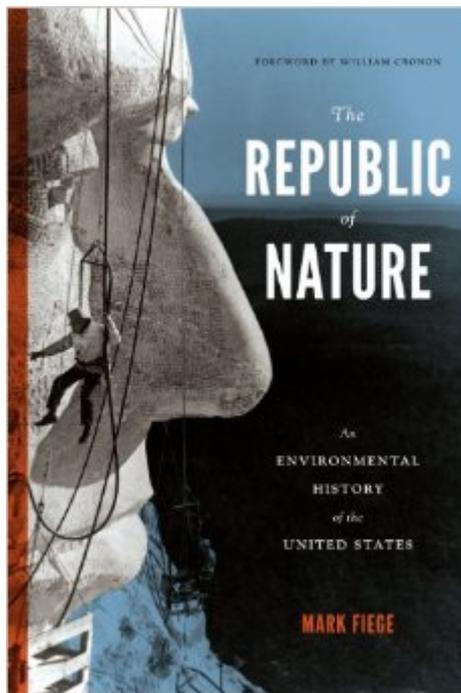


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# The Republic Of Nature: An Environmental History Of The United States (Weyerhaeuser Environmental Books)



## Synopsis

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This book is a sojourn in history that is genuinely a seductively enticing read. It wanders the tapestry of America's past, ingeniously searching out and showcasing some of the grittiest bits to reveal their inspiration from the environment. The deeper one immerses, the more the realization emerges that the author's focus deals exclusively with finding only the distasteful half of the human coin. Native annihilation, Gaia abuse, slavery, war, Euro-man debauchery, racial discrimination, toxic pollution, demon oil, greedy industry/ialists, downtrodden workers, on and on. Like dominoes intentionally aligned to drive the subsumed theme. Missing from the author's palette are the true foundational motivations, aspirations and goals of past humanity's moments in the sun. Instead they are attributed to exploitation, greed, murder, theft, rape, and the like. This is intentionally searching for something to whip. A balanced understanding and judicious weighing of the particulars of history teaches us lessons. Peering only into the darkness spawns dogmatic chimera. Grasping the need to survive, to thrive, as being the prime directives of all life, provides understanding, no matter how flawed we might view past choices and actions. Nature inspires all creatures, large and small to utilize and modify their environment for their own best interests. Failing this understanding is blaming humanity for its innate drive to exist. To be sure there have been and are excesses in most endeavors, but they do not drive the American adventure. The slog of everyman reaching for betterment for himself and family are the prime movers. And just what of all the positives inspired by our environment ?

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