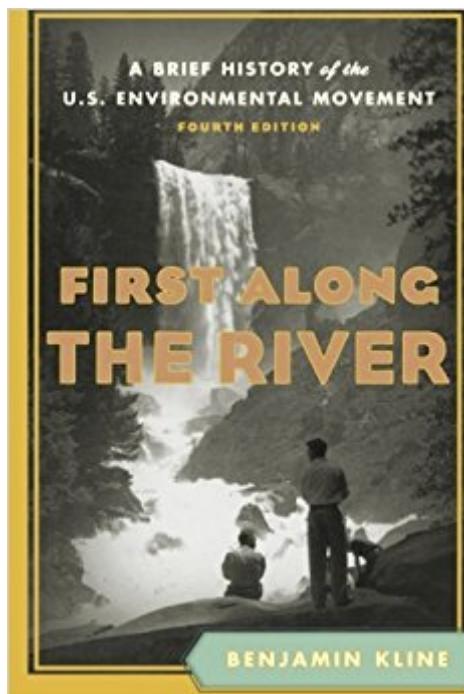


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# First Along The River: A Brief History Of The U.S. Environmental Movement



## **Synopsis**

First Along the River introduces students to the U.S. environmental movement. Concise, accessible, and informative, this book provides students with a balanced, historical perspective on the history of the environmental movement in relation to major social and political events in U.S. history. The book highlights important people and events, places critical concepts in context, and shows the impact of government, industry, and population on the American landscape. The fourth edition includes a new chapter that covers the entire environmental record of the George W. Bush administration, and the early record of the Obama administration.

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A truly unique work, accessible to all, that demonstrates the common property nature of our global environment and its unwitting exploitation in the not so common interest. A good U.S. environmental history supplement for any environmentally oriented course. (John Stoll, professor of economics, University of Wisconsin, Green Bay)First Along the River provides a concise, updated introduction to U.S environmental history. An excellent supplement for any student of the subject. (Bob Buerger, professor of environmental studies, University of North Carolina, Wilmington)I find this a very useful text for an introductory course that I teach called 'Environment and People.' It is clear and straightforward, and yet, it is not overly simplified. It traces how resources have been used and pollution created throughout the historical development of the U.S., while reviewing the individual, organized, and institutional responses to the environmental problems created. With the addition of a

new chapter on the environmental policies of the George W. Bush administration, and the new international political context in which emerging global environmental problems must now be addressed, the book provides an excellent overview for introductory courses on environmental history, politics, and policy. (Jane A. Grant, professor of public and environmental affairs, Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne) Benjamin Kline's work is remarkable because of its depth and breadth in covering the topics, but also because of its brevity and accessibility to students. His descriptions of how U.S. environmental policies have emerged and evolved within social, economic and political contexts are insightful and provide the background needed to enhance our understanding of current environmental policy debates. In this way the book is a valuable addition to classes on environmental policy, as it enables students to ground ongoing efforts to grapple with difficult environmental problems within longer term economic and social trends. (Rick Welsh, professor of sociology, Clarkson University) An extraordinary book that should be required reading for anyone interested in environmentalism and the future of our planet. From colonialism to the post-9/11 world, Kline provides a comprehensive, current, and approachable synthesis for anyone interested in environmentalism. (Torben C. Rick, professor of anthropology, Southern Methodist University)

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Very happy with purchase, just as described and what I was looking for. Arrived right on time

The book, as intended, gives a nice overview of the history of ecology, environmentalism, and (to a point) environmental history -- not always one in the same as the rest. The writing is excellent and I'm fine with his arguments, even though I don't always agree with them. However, he often strays into political and social history for no apparent reason. At other times, he neglects large issues associated with presidents that may/may not have affected budget issues regarding environmentalism -- which is often at the core of his argument -- I think. That is another thing, his thesis seems to come and go throughout the book, which is odd. Again, I don't hate this book and I think if you are looking for an overview, it isn't all that bad. In fact, it might be a good book to compliment other books on this subject. In the end, though, I'd prefer Ted Steinberg's "Down to Earth" over this -- although they are tackling different forms of environmental history. Still, I'd prefer Steinberg.

Got as textbook for school, but it was tough to put down! Up to date, balanced, and really interesting.

It was a interesting point of view, gave the start of a good discussion. If environmental law is an area you are interested in, this is a must read

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