Environmental History and the American West
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Environmental History

I. Global Antecedents To American Environmental History
   • Alfred Crosby, *The Columbian Exchange: Biological and Cultural Consequences of 1492* (1972)
   • Clarence Glacken, *Traces on the Rhodian Shore: Nature and Culture In Western Thought From Ancient Times to the End of the 18th Century* (1967)

II. The Longue Duree of Native America
   • David Stuart *Anasazi America* (2000)
   • Noble David Cook, *Born To Die: Disease and New World Conquest, 1492-1650* (1998)

III. Early European America and the Romantic Age
   • Thomas Flannery, *Nature and the English Diaspora: Environmental History in the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand* (1999)*
   • Barbara Novak, *Nature and Culture: American Landscape Painting* (1825-1875)

IV. Environmental History and the American West
• Donald Worster, *Under Western Skies: Nature and History in the American West* (1992)
• Bruce Hevly and John Findlay, eds. *The Atomic West* (1998)
• Dan Flores, *The Natural West: Environmental History in the Great Plains and Rocky Mountains* (2001)
• Donald McMillan, *Smoke Wars: Anaconda Copper, Montana Air Pollution and the Courts, 1890-1920,* (2000)

V. Bioregional Environmental Histories
• Gordon Whitney, *From Coastal Wilderness to Fruited Plain: A History of Environmental Change in Temperate North America, 1500 to Present* (1994)*
• William DeBuys, *Enchantment and Exploitation: The Life and Hard Times of a New Mexico Mountain Range* (1985)

VI. Conservation Origins: Progressivism and the New Deal
• Donald Worster, *Dust Bowl: The Southern Plains in the 1930s* (1980)

VII. Animals and Water

VIII. Preserving Parks and Conserving Forests
• Alfred Runte: *National Parks: The American Experience* (1979) I read the first edition but will try to obtain a later edition.
• Peter Hasrrick, *Drawn to Yellowstone: Artists in America’s First National Park* (2002)
• Karl Jacoby, *Crimes Against Nature*, (2001)

IX. **Energy, Cities, Politics Since WWII**
• Martin Melosi, *Coping with Abundance: Energy and Environment in Industrial America* (1985)*
• Christopher Sellers, *Hazards from the Job: From Industrial Disease To Environmental Health Science* (1997).

X. **Ecology and Environmentalism**

XI. **Biography and Autobiography**
• Frederick Turner, *Rediscovering America: John Muir in his Time and Ours* (1985)*

XII. **Topical Treatments**
• Edward Wilson, *Consilience* (1999)
• Elizabeth Kolbert, *Field Notes from a Catastrophe* (2006)

XIII. **History of Environmental Philosophy**
• Aldo Leopold, *A Sand County Almanac* (1949)

XIV. **American Nature Writing**
• Henry David Thoreau, *Walden* (1854)
• Edward Abbey, *Desert Solitaire: A Season in the Wilderness* (1968)
• Terry Tempest Williams, *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place* (1990)

XV. **Disease and the Environmental History of the Body**
• Elizabeth Fenn, *Pox Americana* (2001)
• Billy Mac Jones. *Health-Seekers in the Southwest, 1817-1900* (1967).
• Nancy Langston, *Toxic Bodies: Hormone Disruptors and the Legacy of DES* (Forthcoming)
History of the American West

I. Interpretive Overviews
   - Richard White, *'It's your Misfortune and None of My Own': A New History of the American West* (1996)

II. The American Indian West
   - David Stuart *Anasazi America* (2000)
   - Noble David Cook, *Born To Die: Disease and New World Conquest, 1492-1650* (1998)

III. Exploration and Imperialism

IV. First Extractive Economy: The Fur Trade
   - Bernard DeVoto, *Across the Wide Missouri* (1947)

V. Understanding the West: Science and Art
VI. Frontier Extraction: Mining and Lumbering
   • Elliott West, The Saloon on the Rocky Mountain Mining Frontier (1987)
   • J. Anthony Lukacs, Big Trouble (1998)

VII. Making a Home: Farming and Ranching
   • Donald Worster, Dust Bowl: The Southern Plains in the 1930s (1980)
   • Mark Fiege, Irrigated Eden: The Making of an Agricultural Landscape in the American West (1999)
   • Geoff Cunfer, On the Great Plains: Agriculture and Environment (2005)

VIII. Women and Minorities
   • Albert Hurtado, Intimate Frontiers: Sex, Gender, and Culture in Old California (2001)

IX. Westward Infrastructure
   • Carl Abbott, How Cities Won the West: Four Centuries Urban Change in Western North America (2008)

X. Environmental History in the West
   • Dan Flores, The Natural West: Environmental History in the Great Plains and Rocky Mountains (2001)
   • Donald Worster, Dust Bowl: The Southern Plains in the 1930s (1980)
   • Alfred Runte: National Parks: The American Experience (1979)
   • William DeBuys, Enchantment and Exploitation: The Life and Hard Times of a New Mexico Mountain Range (1985)
   • Stephen Pyne, Year of the Fires! The Story of the Great Fires of 1910 (2001)
   • Donald McMillan, Smoke Wars: Anaconda Copper, Montana Air Pollution and the Courts, 1890-1920, (2000)

XI. 20 & 21st Century Issues (Cultural/ Economic/ Political)

XII. **Natural Resources**

XIII. **Western Sense of Place: Regional, Comparisons, Art and Film**

XIV. **Western Sense of Place: History, Geography and Literature**
- Edward Abbey, *Desert Solitaire* (1967)