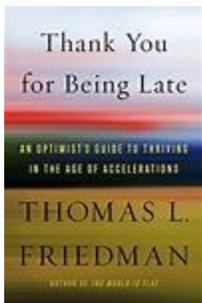


Transition Marquette County Reading Group

The Transition Marquette County Reading Group meets at 7pm on the second Thursday of each month in the Conference Room at Peter White Public Library. We read and discuss books covering contemporary issues, such as peak oil, sustainability/resilience, nature and humanity's place in it, gardening and food security, cultural and societal changes. Anyone is welcome to join us for the conversation. It would help to have at least started reading the book. Questions? Call Charlie (226-3314) or email mqtchaz@gmail.com

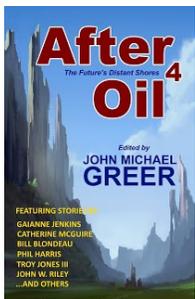
Oct 12



***Thank You For Being Late*.....-Thomas Friedman**

Friedman discusses how the key to understanding the 21st century is understanding that the planet's three largest forces -- Moore's law (technology), the market (globalization) and Mother Nature (climate change and biodiversity loss) -- are accelerating all at once. And these accelerations are transforming the five key realms: the workplace, politics, geopolitics, ethics, and community. Friedman posits that we should purposely "be late" -- we should pause to appreciate the amazing historical epoch we're passing through and to reflect on its possibilities and dangers.-

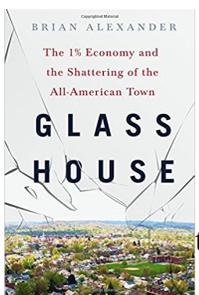
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***After Oil 4* -John Michael Greer, ed**

Concluding volume in Greer's series of stories of a post-oil future from readers of his *Archdruid Report* blog. This volume focuses on distant future recoveries.

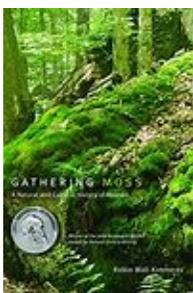
Dec 14



***Glass House the 1% Economy and the Shattering of the All American Town* -Brian Alexander**

The story of the decline of Lancaster, Ohio, identified in 1947 as the epitome of the All American town. Today it is damaged, discouraged, and fighting for its future. Journalist Alexander shows how seeds sown 35 years ago have sprouted to give us Trumpism, inequality, and an eroding national cohesion.

Jan 11

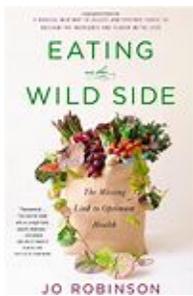


Gathering Moss: The Natural and Cultural History of Mosses

-Robin Wall Kimmerer

Living at the limits of our ordinary perception, mosses are a common but largely unnoticed element of the natural world. "Gathering Moss" is a beautifully written mix of science and personal reflection that invites readers to explore and learn from the elegantly simple lives of mosses. Drawing on her experiences as a scientist, a mother, and a Native American, Kimmerer explains the stories of mosses in scientific terms as well as in the framework of indigenous ways of knowing. In her book, the natural history and cultural relationships of mosses become a powerful metaphor for ways of living in the world

Feb 8



Eating on the Wild Side -Jo Robinson

Our early ancestors were hunter-gatherers. As they began to domesticate animals and plant gardens, they produced tastier food, but unfortunately also began to strip away vitamins, minerals, protein, fiber, healthy fats, and antioxidants from their diets. Robinson's book tells the story of the changes we have made to our wild foods, and what we can do to reclaim these lost nutrients. The solution goes beyond local, beyond organic, and beyond heirlooms. Surprisingly some of the answers are hiding in plain sight in your local grocery store.

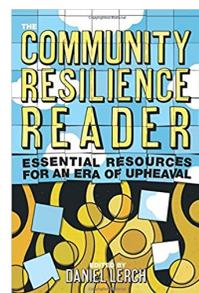
Mar 8



Earth In Human Hands -David Grinspoon

Our current behavior threatens not only our own future but that of countless other creatures. By comparing Earth's story to those of other planets, astrobiologist David Grinspoon shows what a strange and novel development it is for a species to evolve to build machines, and ultimately, global societies with world-shaping influence. He suggests that our present moment is not only one of peril, but also great potential, especially when viewed from a 10,000-year perspective. We must become graceful planetary engineers, conscious shapers of our environment and caretakers of Earth's biosphere. This is a perspective that begs us to ask not just what future do we want to avoid, but what do we seek to build? What kind of world do we want? Are humans the worst or the best thing to ever happen to our planet?

Apr 12



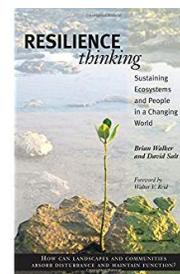
Reader's Choice

Communities Resilience Reader Daniel Lerch, ed.

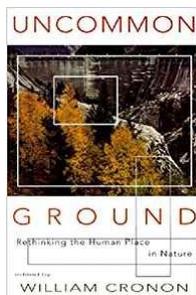
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Resilience Thinking - Brian Walker and David Salt

A new way of understanding the world and a new approach to managing resources.



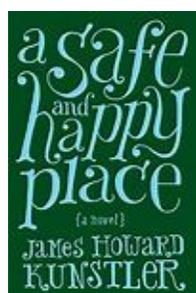
May 10



Uncommon Ground William Cronon, ed.

A 1996 reassessment of the environmentalist agenda by historians, scientists, and critics. The problem is that we haven't learned to live responsibly in nature. The environmentalist aim of legislating humans out of the wilderness is no solution. People, Cronon argues, are inextricably tied to nature, whether they live in cities or countryside. Rather than attempt to exclude humans, environmental advocates should help us learn to live in some sustainable relationship with nature. It is our home

June 14



A Safe and Happy Place - James Howard Kunstler

A light novel from Kunstler to end up the year. The year is 1967. Erica Bollinger is a sophomore at NYU and nothing in her life is working out. She hears about a magical place in Vermont, a commune called Sunrise Village founded by the mysterious, charismatic figure known in the hippie underground only as "Songbird." Maybe she ought to go up there and check the situation out. . . .