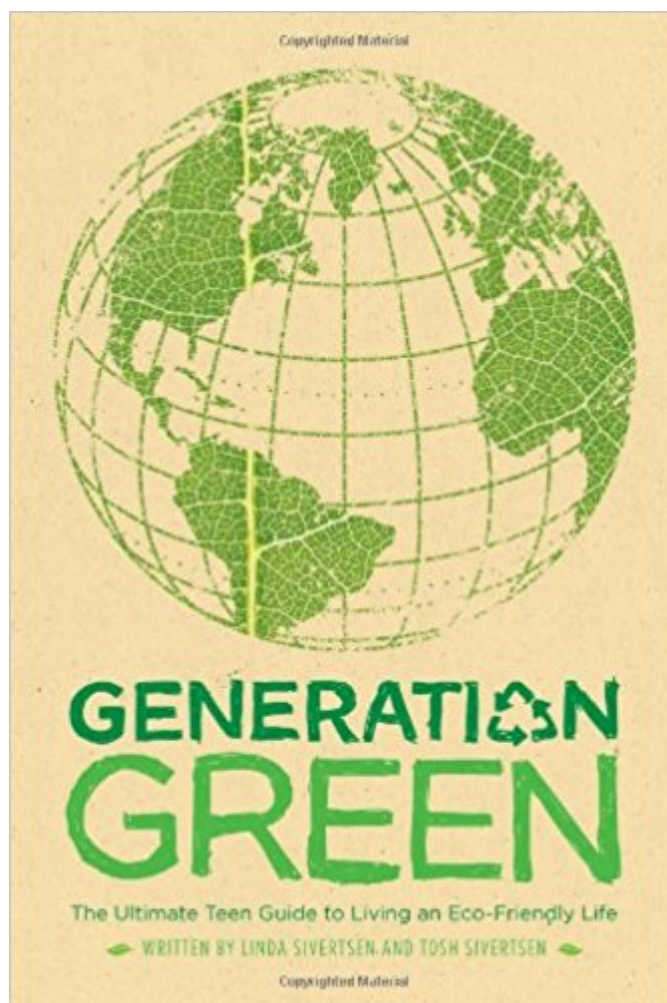


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# Generation Green: The Ultimate Teen Guide To Living An Eco-Friendly Life



## Synopsis

We all know about the Earth's environmental crisis, but there is someone who can truly make a difference: you. If you text your friends or chat with them online, download music to your iPod, or toss bottles and papers into recycling bins, you're already more eco-savvy than you think. It's just as easy to do even more to help save the earth, and Generation Green shows you how. This book:

- Lays out the inside scoop on the biggest issues affecting our planet, such as global warming and overflowing landfills
- Offers dozens of tips on how to shop, dress, eat, and travel the green way
- Includes interviews with teens like you who are involved with fun, innovative green causes
- Shows that being environmentally conscious can be a natural part of your life -- and your generation's contribution to turning things around.

It doesn't matter if you can't vote or drive. Your efforts -- big or small -- will contribute to saving the planet. It's time for all of us to take action. It's time to go green!

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 9 Up [A thorough yet accessible manual on green living.](#) Sivertsen and her teenage son draw on scientific findings, personal experience, and interviews with celebrities and teens to provide readers with environmentally responsible lifestyle alternatives, from organic cosmetics to natural kitchen cleaners to green career opportunities. The "Five Rs" [Reduce, Reuse,](#)

Recycle, Rethink, Refuse

• provide a framework for embracing an alternative to rampant consumerism. The book's incisive voice, using teen idioms, is accessible to those who have little or no background in environmental issues, yet the standards within will likewise engage readers already committed to being green. Though there is no index and the many pop-culture references may hinder the work's longevity, this volume will appeal to the target audience. Chapters are broken into frequent, user-friendly subheadings, and special interviews

• many with energetic, activist teens

• are clearly designated; decorative illustrations complement the text. Listings of green Web sites, charities, and organizations are included. In addition to being a handy, information-rich companion to Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth* (Viking, 2007) and Laurie David and Cambria Gordon's *The Down-to-Earth Guide to Global Warming* (Scholastic, 2007), *Generation Green* is also unique, for its central focus is not to explain the science behind current environmental challenges, but rather to reveal how young people can work to solve those problems in their everyday lives.

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"Every generation thinks they want to change the world. If the latest generation is serious about it, Tosh and Linda provide the blueprint. This book is deep and yet fun and smart and filled with great tips, facts, stories, and interviews. Every school needs to have *Generation Green* as part of their curriculum!" -- Ed Begley, Jr., *Living with Ed*, for Discovery's *Planet Green*

"The guide is packed with tons of tips for becoming eco-chic..." -- Teen Vogue

"We've got Generation X and Generation Y. *Generation Green* has a much better ring to it!" -- Amy Edelen, co-host of *FreshlyGreen.com* & co-owner of *YourGuidetoGreen.com*

"*Generation Green* is a fast-paced and easy read for any young adult who's interested in finding purpose in their life and making a difference. If you know a teen that longs to be inspired by something more than reality TV, *Generation Green* is chocked full of fun and easy-to-apply actions which prove how small things can make a huge impact. Buy this book for every teen you know and allow them join with us to transform the world!" -- James Arthur Ray, New York Times best-selling author of *Harmonic Wealth*

"Linda Sivertsen is the greenest person I know. She was born green!" -- Leeza Gibbons

Great book for teen researching subject for school project. It is difficult to find books on this topic which are not too technical or pedantic. Highly recommended. Prompt delivery of the book in excellent condition.

Generation Green is refreshing and informative in a way that can appeal to all ages. As a busy working mother I have not taken the time to be as educated on "being green" as I would have liked. This is a tool that has been a bridge to discussion and action for my family. My 10 year old was actually more educated than we were. The book talks about issues great and small in a way that doesn't seem like preaching. The tips on eating, shopping, traveling, pet care and cleaning are sensible, doable, and things we would never have thought of ourselves. I am donating a copy to my son's school library. (The fact that a mother and teenage son did this socially conscious project together is just heart-warming icing on the cake)

this book is a great intro for a new way of thinking - not just for teens, but they will get the modern references

I needed this book for a science class. I had to do reflections on five different chapters. It was a good book!

I will start by saying that I'm not a teenager and I learnt a lot from this book. Generation Green is thorough, well written and can be your guide to going green. Whether you want a quick overview or go deeper into "Going Green," this is the book you want to start with. Even though we've all heard these two words at some point, this book tells you the real meaning behind them and the implications of ignoring them. It opened my eyes on so many issues that even though I may not change overnight, I will start slowly by being conscious of them and then making small changes. That is exactly what this book encourages you to do and for everyone to make a difference in their own small way. The only drawback and what really prevented me from giving this book the full five stars is, being too concise in some places and the lack of illustrations which would have made the book more interesting for their target audience. But if you're curious about going green like me but don't have enough information to start with, I highly encourage you to get this book. Furthermore, the fact that one of the authors is a teenager is very impressive and inspiring for all those teenagers who are aware of this very serious issue but don't know where to start. Start small and feel good about your contribution to our world which has given us so much!

In these times we are living in, it is crucial that everyone know how to conserve and recycle. As an adult looking back, we were never taught such things in school. Granted, it's been a few years! But it was just not important in those days 10-15 years ago. I remember my parents recycling pop cans

because they went through a case a week as well as the daily newspaper, but they never took it beyond that. When I was about 17 I took a huge interest in preservation after a project in school in which we had to petition to save one of our local marshlands from being filled in order to build more housing. That battle was won and it made me feel empowered, so I took it a few steps further and did tons of independent research which has brought me to where I am today. The things that I do to conserve and recycle you would think are common knowledge, especially since we are experiencing all time highs in energy costs. But sadly, the information isn't right in front of you. You have to look for it. And for a child who may not have parents that are into preservation and conservation and isn't hearing about it in school, they are likely to continue on being blissfully ignorant of the dire situation our planet is in. This book is the perfect solution to that. It covers nearly everything one needs to know to live green and it's packaged nicely in an easy to read and easy to understand format. No big words to intimidate younger kids and slightly larger than normal text make this an easy pick up and read. It also does much to empower kids, labeling them "Generation Green", the hope of the future. It really makes them feel important and feel like they really can do something, and they can! And with this book, hopefully they will. My little one is far too young to grasp all of this now, but you can bet I'll be holding onto this book for the day when he's ready to read it and become a Green Guardian himself. And hopefully he will spread the word to other children. Teaching our kids to live green is as important as teaching them to walk and talk. If you're not up to speed on all you need to know, just another reason to pick up this book so you can read it together. Highly recommended!

If only I could get my teenagers to read it! I read the book and liked what I read. I don't buy into the whole global warming theory, but I do believe that we all need to work together to clean up the earth. The book has great ideas for teens to contribute to cleaning up the environment and making a difference in their world for future generations. It is an easy read and worth picking up. Just don't get sucked into the corporate lies telling you that you need to buy all sorts of things to go green, because you really don't. You can make a huge difference reducing your footprint with products already in your home (and not by purchasing extra organic or special green products). So beware. Update: My 15 year old daughter finally decided to read this. She was 'amazed' that only if she took shorter showers and turned off the water when she brushed her teeth, she too could save thousands of gallons of water a month! I guess the book is somewhat helpful in reinforcing the things I have been telling my kids since they were little: turn the lights off, turn the water off, reduce, reuse, recycle, etc. We will see if this really makes her get out of the shower in 5 minutes or not.

With a tankless water heater and endless hot water, I highly doubt it.

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