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The most fruitful grafting of a new discipline onto an old might be the union of environmental studies and history, where the interplay between human-kind and our natural surroundings-or what long ago were "natural" surroundings-has within the past 25 years become a staple of scholarship, teaching, and publishing. The remarkable variety of topics under study is merely hinted at by this list of YBP's bestselling books in the field for our 1999-2000 fiscal year. Waste and Want: A Social History of Trash (Metropolitan), Gold: The California Story (University of California Press), and Second Nature: The History and Implications of Australia as an Aboriginal Landscape (Syracuse University Press), are only three examples, from the fifty on our list. The books, arranged in descending sales order, starting with our most popular title, Something New Under the Sun: An Environmental History of the Twentieth-Century World (W.W. Norton), pay due respect to some of the pioneer names in environmental studies. And No Birds Sing: Rhetorical Analyses of Rachel Carson's Silent Spring (Southern Illinois University Press), for example, demonstrates that environmental history now studies its own history, and so has certainly come of age.

Redman, Charles L. Human Impact on Ancient Environments. Univ of Arizona Pr 1999 $45.00 Cloth 0816519625.
Davis, Donald Edward. Where there are Mountains: An Environmental History of the Southern Appalachians. Univ of Georgia Pr 2000 $40.00 Cloth 0820321257.
Daws, Gavan. Archipelago: The Islands of Indonesia: From the Nineteenth-Century Discoveries of Alfred Russel Wallace to the Fate of Forests and Reefs in the Twenty-First-Century. Univ of California Pr 1999 $45.00 Cloth 0520215761.
Debays, William Eno. Salt Dreams: Land & Water in Low-down California. Univ New Mexico Pr 1999 $35.00 Cloth 0826321267.
Bonicksen, Thomas M. America's Ancient Forests: From the Ice Age to the Age of Discovery. John Wiley 2000 $75.00 Cloth 0471136220.
Duplan, Thomas. Rain and the English Diaspora: Environment and History in the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Cambridge Univ Pr 1999 $59.95 Cloth 0521651735.
Hill, Mary. 1923-. Gold: The California Story. Univ of California Pr 1999 $45.00 Cloth 0520215478.
Clements, Kendrick A., 1939-. Hoover, Conservation, and Consumerism: Engineering the Good Life. Univ Pr of Kansas 2000 $33.00 Cloth 0700610323.
Griffith, David Craig. 1931-. Estuary's Gift: An Atlantic Coast Cultural Biography. Penn State Univ Pr 1999 $55.00 Cloth 0271019506.
Ashley, Jeffrey S. 1965-. Groundwater Management in the West. Univ of Nebraska Pr 1999 $45.00 Cloth 080324276x.
Pincel, Stephanie Sabine. 1952-. Transforming California: A Political History of Land Use and Development. Johns Hopkins UP 1999 $45.00 Cloth 0801861101.

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there was a great deal directly laid on or made available. On the top of Hall 9 was a so-called “International Librarians” and “Booksellers Centre (careful punctuation and EU spelling preserved). It was quiet when I visited and I am told it was quiet most of the time. I only saw one librarian during the whole week and that was Michael Keller who cannot be missed. I suspect he was working on his plans for Stanford University Press. ACR had an impressive booth and also showing the Stars and Stripes was the campaign to get overseas citizens to vote (see http://www.usembassy.de/elections2000) presumably in Florida. I started by referring to the shear numbers of publishers on show as nightmarish but perhaps it is all a good dream. Diversity still exists.

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Carle, David, 1950-. *Drowning the Dream: California’s Water Choices at the Millennium*. Praeger 2000 $45.00 Cloth 0275976190.


Wild, Peter, 1940-. *Opal Desert: Explorations of Fantasy and Reality in the American Southwest*. Univ of Texas Press 1999 $37.50 Cloth 0292791283.

Wirth, John D. *Smelter Smoke in North America: The Politics of Transborder Pollution*. Univ Pr of Kansas 2000 $35.00 Cloth 0700609849.


Wall, Derek. *Earth First! And the Anti-roads Movement: Radical Environmentalism and Comparative Social Movements*. Routledge 1999 $85.00 Cloth 0415196030.


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**Miller, Shawn William. Fruitless Trees: Portuguese Conservation and Brazil’s Colonial Timber. Stanford Univ Pr 2000 $55.00 Cloth 0804733961.**

**Head, Lesley. Second Nature: The History and Implications of Australia as Aboriginal Landscape. Syracuse Univ Pr 2000 $39.95 Cloth 0815605870.**

**Brown, Margaret Lynn. Wild East: A Biography of the Great Smoky Mountains. Univ Pr of Florida 2000 $49.95 Cloth 0813017505.**

**Biz of Acq — Crossing the Great Divide between Acquisitions and Collections: Selectors Order Online**

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Column Editors Note: Web-based vendor services are transforming, and improving, many aspects of library acquisitions and collection development work. Online ordering functions present rich possibilities for improving the speed and efficiency of monograph selection, as well as for allowing selectors more control. Yet decentralized ordering also presents potential complexities, no matter the size of the library. In this months column, **Lynda Fuller Clendenning** describes how Web-based ordering has enhanced acquisitions and collection development at the **University of Virginia Library**, and how librarians there have addressed some potential complications of decentralized acquisitions. The Apr. 2000 Business of Acquisitions column by **Mary H. Kay**, entitled “Web-based Ordering for Libraries,” unintentionally failed to mention two wholesalers that provide web-based ordering services: **continued on page 86**

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