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*Legacy: A Story of Hope for a Time of Environmental Crisis*

This book is a great introduction to environmentalism for people who don't necessarily see themselves as environmentalists. On the surface, it is a very compelling novel --- even my ninety year old uncle can't seem to put it down --- but the science underlying the action is real and well-researched, and any area of particular interest to the reader can be followed up through the author's thorough footnotes. After I read it, I recommended it to friends who have used it as the basis for book club reading to inspire discussions on environmental activism. The key to this book is its positive attitude and its vision that individuals have power to effect change. In the face of a problem as large as global warming, the non-organic, lawn-growing, SUV-driving populace amongst whom I live react to the writings of many of the environmental authors by saying, "There's nothing I can do, so I may as well keep living the way I'm living." In stark contrast, Joanne Poyourow suggests a myriad of baby steps people can take --- that people are in fact already taking --- toward a vision of a sustainable future. Like other novels that end in future times, her vision for a sustainable future may not be the same as the readers, but at the very least her novel compels readers to start thinking about sustainability. I highly recommend it as a holiday gift to your friends who like need a little push into environmental action.

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