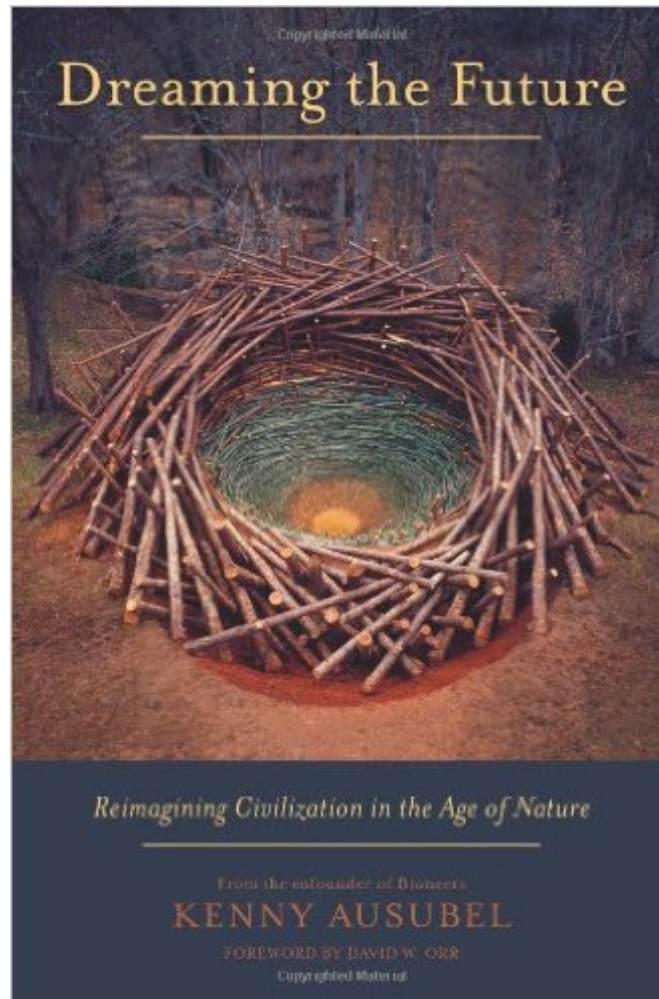


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Dreaming The Future: Reimagining Civilization In The Age Of Nature



Synopsis

Few would deny that we are entering a period of great change. Our environment is collapsing. Social disruption abounds. All around, it seems, we are experiencing breakdown. But out of this chaos comes the opportunity for breakthrough-the opportunity to reimagine our future. In *Dreaming the Future*, Kenny Ausubel leads us into that possible new world and introduces us to the thinkers and doers who are-sometimes quietly, sometimes not-leading what he calls "a revolution from the heart of nature and the human heart." In a collection of short, witty, poignant, even humorous essays, Ausubel tracks the big ideas, emerging trends, and game-changing developments of our time. He guides us through our watershed moment, showing how it's possible to emerge from a world where corporations are citizens, the gap between rich and poor is cavernous, and biodiversity and the climate are under assault and create a world where we take our cues from nature and focus on justice, equity, diversity, democracy, and peace. Even those steeped in the realities of a world gone wrong and efforts to right it will find refreshing, even surprising, perspectives in *Dreaming the Future*. It will come as no surprise to readers that Ausubel is cofounder of Bioneers-which foreword author David W. Orr describes as "one part global salon...one part catalytic organization."

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Customer Reviews

I recently finished reading *Dreaming the Future* and it has been a constant companion these past few weeks. The collection of essays flow so well from one to another, yet each one also stands alone

for reading at opportune moments during travel and amidst our busy and fragmented daily lives. It's not only a companion, it's essential reading for gaining a view of the landscape of hope that lies ahead. When reading about the magnitude of challenges we face in the world today, it's essential to also see and be shown the possibilities, to hear about and know what is working, to feel inspired to contribute and to feel invited to join the community of changemakers in our world. Dreaming the Future is the invitation to action. It's the welcome sign to enter the door of engagement. It's the inspiration we all need to keep forging a future together that is sustainable and just. Kenny shows us, with incredible wit and with compelling examples, the issues we need to know about, the people who are involved and the organizations that are driving the potential for creating a better world. And who better to show us that world than the co-founder of Bioneers, the preeminent environmental and social justice organization that over the past 25 years has become a hub and vibrant community of people leading the changes that are so desperately needed in our world. You don't want to miss the annual conference in San Rafael, California this October 18-21st. It is THE place to enter the landscape of hope and meet with others. Dreaming the Future is a great gift for friends and would be a perfect stocking stuffer or even a special table gift for family and friends this Thanksgiving! You'll love this book and will want to keep picking it up to go from one essay to the next.

This book is a must read for those who are concerned with what is going on in our world, with the many assaults on all fronts by big money - big wall st, agra, defense, pharma, energy, etc. You know who, the greedy, "lets-extract-every-last-dollar-out-of-our-resources-damn-the-cost-and-the-consequences-to-the-environment-or-for-that-matter-anyone-else" crowd. Clearly and thoughtfully written and with an extremely positive outlook. If I had one book to choose from among those I've read in the last year, this would be #1 or #2 (along with The Global Forest).

The author conveys a lot of alarming information (particularly about environmental problems) but also some breathtakingly brilliant efforts at restoration and recovery. My only disappointment is that I have read some (a lot?) of this previously on the Bioneers website, but I guess having it in book form is handier than getting it off the website. If you are not a scientist, you will probably wish you were one after reading this--I wish I could go out and try a lot of these ideas myself. This book is about people who actually ARE part of the solution

I found the book to be everything important to me and therefore, the present world. (No narcissism here.) It was like the years of hearing your opening speeches at the conference. I felt literally high and blessed and grateful to know you and all those that create the climate where these thoughts can be manifest. Your book is the primer, the template of what you and Nina set out to do almost twenty years ago with Bioneers. I'm so proud to be a part of LA Bioneers. It brings back the ancient idea in modern concepts that you can't separate science and soul; we are all connected and love, gratitude and articulate smart people is the currency whereby we can prevail in a failing ecosystem.

Kenny Ausubel's book is my new bible. As soon as I finished it I had to read it again. Although it provides a realistic look at what is to come, it didn't leave me with a feeling of overwhelming gloom. It contains a profound sense of hope and possibilities. It makes me feel excited to be alive at this time, to, hopefully, be a witness to how humans will translate lessons learned from the natural world into ways to save this beautiful planet.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. Kenny Ausubel is an excellent writer and makes complex environmental issues easy for everyone to understand and does it with charm and insight.

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