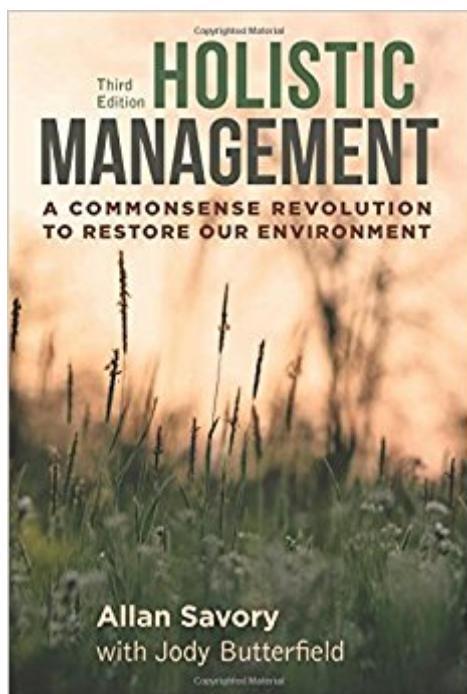


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Holistic Management, Third Edition: A Commonsense Revolution To Restore Our Environment



Synopsis

Fossil fuels and livestock grazing are often targeted as major culprits behind climate change and desertification. But Allan Savory, cofounder of the Savory Institute, begs to differ. The bigger problem, he warns, is our mismanagement of resources. Livestock grazing is not the problem; it's how we graze livestock. If we don't change the way we approach land management, irreparable harm from climate change could continue long after we replace fossil fuels with environmentally benign energy sources. Holistic management is a systems-thinking approach for managing resources developed by Savory decades ago after observing the devastation of desertification in his native Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). Properly managed livestock are key to restoring the world's grassland soils, the major sink for atmospheric carbon, and minimizing the most damaging impacts on humans and the natural world. This book updates Savory's paradigm-changing vision for reversing desertification, stemming the loss of biodiversity, eliminating fundamental causes of human impoverishment throughout the world, and climate change. Reorganized chapters make it easier for readers to understand the framework for Holistic Management and the four key insights that underlie it. New color photographs showcase before-and-after examples of land restored by livestock. This long-anticipated new edition is written for new generations of ranchers, farmers, eco- and social entrepreneurs, and development professionals working to address global environmental and social degradation. It offers new hope that a sustainable future for humankind and the world we depend on is within reach. 

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A long-awaited update to Allan Savory's paradigm-changing work in managing agricultural resources. A

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This new edition of Allan Savory's original masterpiece has been 30 years in the making. No one, but no one offers a more in-depth and solution-oriented view to our planetary plague of desertification and soil degradation than Allan Savory and Jody Butterfield. This is a "MUST READ AND HEED" manual for not only restoring the health of our beleaguered environment, but for saving our own species from itself. The antithesis of reductionist thinking, Savory supplies fully supported science and widespread evidence for a fully practical, systematic and actionable (and surprisingly simple) means of restoring vital natural systems and literally reversing decades of environmental destruction, worldwide. We have the technology to implement all of this literally TODAY. It is the ultimate environmental manifesto offering literally "grassroots" empowerment toward a future where there can be abundant nourishment for millions in alignment with our human evolutionary and genetic heritage, while also saving the environment. Holistic Management also realistically promises the abundant and healthy restoration of otherwise dwindling water sheds, ecosystem diversity, richly restored soil and plant life in ways that can help restore political and social stability in otherwise impoverished regions. What is needed is the widespread grass roots will to make it happen...and this book supplies the ultimate inspiration and How To! I cannot recommend this book urgently enough!

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This book gives a clear explanation of the concepts of holistic management and the science of grassland restoration. The book definitely challenges some long-held assumptions about how and why ecosystems change over time. It is a must-read for all land managers, but anyone can benefit from the concepts of holistic management.

He's the foremost expert. His interviews about thinning elephant herds and how wrong he was is amazing. He's now trying to show that we're smarter now than we ever thought we could be on this topic...nature led the way...mimicking it rarely disappoints. Simply put, he shows that humans aren't smarter than mother nature...he's stopped trying to out think nature and has since learned to embrace

it.

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A great book that is full of wisdom, information and hope that extends into all aspects of life on our planet. I highly recommend it to anyone who respects our environment and would like legitimate, lasting improvement to whatever it is that they are managing.

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