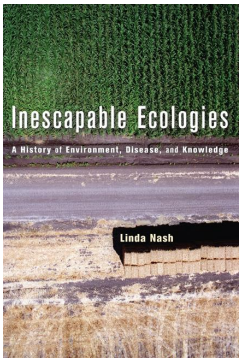
Environment & Society Portal

Multimedia Library Collection: Books & Profiles

Inescapable Ecologies: A History of Environment, Disease, and Knowledge

Nash, Linda



All rights reserved. © 2006 University of California Press

The copyright holder reserves, or holds for their own use, all the rights provided by copyright law, such as distribution, performance, and creation of derivative works. https://rightsstatements.org/page/InC/1.0/?language=en .

Nash, Linda. *Inescapable Ecologies: A History of Environment, Disease, and Knowledge*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2006.

Linda Nash gives us a wholly original and much longer history of "ecological" ideas of the body as that history unfolded in California's Central Valley. Taking us from nineteenth-century fears of miasmas and faith in wilderness cures to the recent era of chemical pollution and cancer clusters, Nash charts how Americans have connected their diseases to race and place as well as dirt and germs. In this account, the rise of germ theory and the pushing aside of an earlier environmental approach to illness constituted not a clear triumph of modern biomedicine but rather a brief period of modern amnesia. As Nash shows us, place-based accounts of illness re-emerged in the postwar decades, galvanizing environmental protest against smog and toxic chemicals. Carefully researched and richly conceptual, *Inescapable Ecologies* brings critically important insights to the histories of environment, culture, and public health, while offering a provocative commentary on the human relationship to the larger world. — University of California Press website .

Related links:

- H-Environment, H-Net Reviews, reviewed by Michelle Kleehammer
  http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php
- University of California Press site featuring this book
  http://www.ucpress.edu/book.php

Websites linked in this text:

- http://www.ucpress.edu/book.php?isbn=9780520248878

Websites linked in image captions:

- https://rightsstatements.org/page/InC/1.0/?language=en