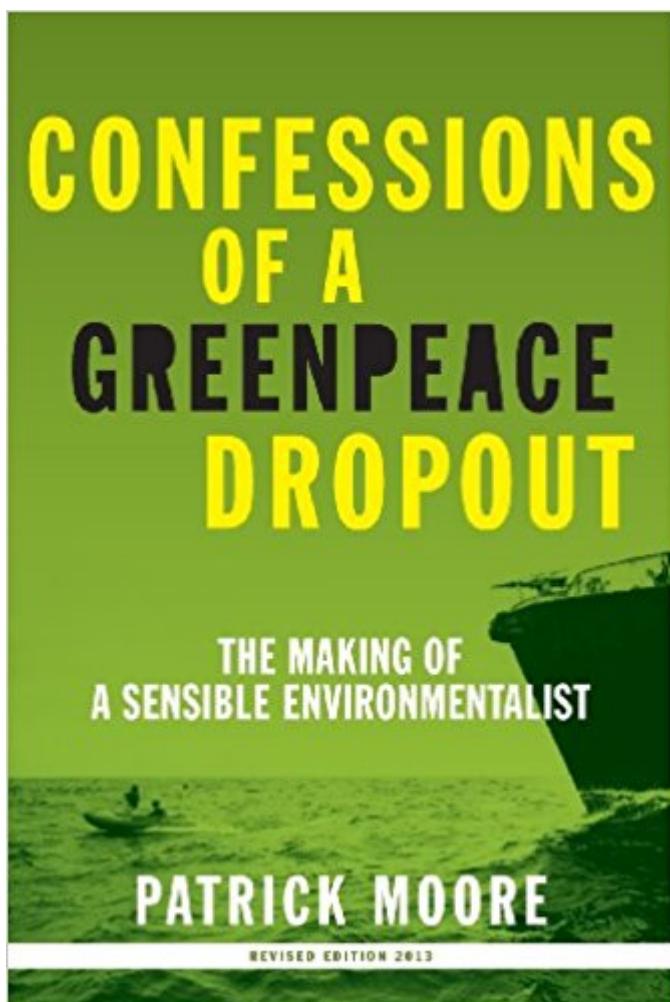


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Confessions Of A Greenpeace Dropout: The Making Of A Sensible Environmentalist



Synopsis

Confessions of a Greenpeace Dropout: The Making of a Sensible Environmentalist is Dr. Patrick Moore's engaging firsthand account of his many years spent as the ultimate Greenpeace insider, a co-founder and leader in the organization's top committee. Moore explains why, 15 years after co-founding it, he left Greenpeace to establish a more sensible, science-based approach to environmentalism. From energy independence to climate change, genetic engineering to aquaculture, Moore sheds new light on some of the most controversial subjects in the news today.

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A good read for those who are open minded and want a different perspective on the background, and agendas of the environmentalist movement.

The EPA is spinning out of control. Read this masterpiece and find out why. Mr Moore is a truth-seeker. Here one can read why and how Mr Moore, a Greenpeace dropout criticizes the pretentious ignorance of the sanctimonious Robert F. Kennedy Jr et al. We had a glorious opportunity to build energy-producing-wind-mills off the coast of northern Martha's Vineyard, and Greenpeace and the Sierra Club were and are against it. Why? To save the goldfish?? How long did it take to build the Hoover Dam? Three years? Four years? But the Cape Wind project is still being talked about after twenty years on the drawing board. This is one example of many that Mr Moore elaborates on in this superb study.

I just finished reading "Confessions of a Greenpeace Dropout - The Making of a Sensible Environmentalist" by the founder (one of a handful, but he was the driving force by far) Patrick Moore. After a short chapter of introductory frustration over the change of course Greenpeace has made, which made him drop out, he gives a great history of how they single-handedly launched successful campaigns against atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons, illegal hunting of whales, clubbing of tens of thousands of seal pups, and quite a few other activities that I think were worthy endeavors in protecting our environment. He also protested building nuclear power plants, but has now done an about face on that. One could skip over this and start with page 37, "The Beginnings," if the introductory part hasn't enough interest. Much of the book is spent on refuting the reasons Greenpeace has for their campaigns on genetic alteration of crops and animals, use of chemicals in industrial products, global climate change, and so forth. He states (very correctly) that the evolved Greenpeace bases nearly nothing on science or real data (or what I would call "common sense"), but is obsessed with winning converts and battling authorities and industries. His writing about forestry is very well done, as he was raised in a lumber town in British Columbia and has been involved in forestry most of his life. His contention is that lumber is our greatest renewable resource and that the forestry industry is NOT destroying the forests, but expanding them. He makes great arguments in favor of nuclear power (he didn't mention this, but I love the bumper sticker I've often seen "more people have died in the back seat of Ted Kennedy's car than in US nuclear accidents"). I wasn't aware that Greenpeace is trying to have the element chlorine declared a toxic material and that it should be banned in manufacturing or used where it can expose people. Amazing. What do we use to "salt" our food? How can we have sanitary swimming pools? Etc. It is a fairly long book, but contains a huge list of footnotes referencing his sources (many accessible by websites). If nothing else, read chapter 20 "The Climate of Fear" where he puts forth a great argument that the earth pretty much does as it wishes, as far a climate is concerned, and that yes, we may be affecting it to some degree, but the earth has been much warmer in the past, has had much higher CO₂ (even in cool times!), and that the current warming trend, which started around 18,000 years ago, with occasional short cooling periods, is much better for us than a prolonged cooling period would be. All in all, I thoroughly enjoyed the book (as a scientist, I like approaches based on facts and integrity), despite not agreeing with a few comments (US needs government health care, which was only a sentence or two). Perhaps I liked it because I agree with nearly all his assertions about the real intent of Greenpeace and the lack of credible science. I think they have evolved from a very useful organization into an anti-industry group seeking notoriety and exerting muscle

disproportionate to their causes.

Unlike many environmentalists, Patric Moore is a trained scientist and uses that training to take reasoned positions on many environmental issues. As a founder of Greenpeace he participated in many of that organization's early actions to save baby seals and whales, and their protests against nuclear bomb tests. He defends those actions vigorously and convincingly. He parted with his old Greenpeace collaborators when they strayed from sound science with their positions. He makes convincing arguments for nuclear power, aquaculture, genetically modified seeds and managed forestry as being good for the environment and humanity. The book has a valuable and scientifically based critique on the validity of the catastrophic claims of the climate change advocates. This book is filled with common sense, science backed positions on the controversial environmental problems of our times.

This book is not only a marvelous review of responsibly environmentalism, its a true education on all things environmental. I bought copies for mythree collegiate grandkids.

Good insight

More detail than I ever wanted; especially about Greenpeace activities. Despite this complaint, this book should be required reading. Patrick Moore has confirmed many of my previously held beliefs about Greenpeace and the environmentalist movement. I even went to the Greenpeace and read what they have to say about Mr. Moore. Their comments read like someone pointed at them and said "the king has no pants". Even if a quarter of what he says is true, we have been lied to and led down the wrong path.

This is the best book I've read in a while, As he goes through the book it's a history of green peace and how they got started, what they did, but then about a 1/3 of the way through it really gets interesting. From energy to food he gives a great explanation of both sides (I particularly like the GMO section.) Maybe all the other enviromentalist should read this and really consider what thier protesting about. Finally someone qualified talking about these subjects and not running for office.

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