**The Archipelago of Hope: Wisdom & Resilience from the Edge of Climate Change**  
By Gleb Raygorodetsky

After working among indigenous communities for over 20 years, Raygorodetsky describes how the people’s relationship with the environment is having to evolve as climate change impacts the Earth. He notes their creative solutions and thoughtful conclusions while emphasizing their relevance to modern challenges. A story of grit, this book offers a positive and adaptive message of hope.

**Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We Make Things**  
By William McDonough & Michael Braungart

Finding inspiration in nature, McDonough and Braungart challenge the industry’s standard ‘cradle to grave’ structure. *Cradle to Cradle* explains how products can be created with the intent to be utilized several different ways throughout their lifespans. The book details their experiences of how their work has evolved to incorporate eco-effectiveness, where anything from carpeting to corporate campuses can be remodeled to be sustainable.

**Force of nature: The Unlikely Story of Wal-Mart’s Green Revolution**  
By Edward Humes

Surprisingly fresh, Pulitzer-Prize-winning author, Edward Humes, tells how the CEO of Wal-Mart successfully initiated a green makeover. Dubbed as the ‘second industrial revolution,’ this corporate titan is redefining best business practices. *Force of Nature* explains how Wal-Mart is leading by example through sustainable, energy-efficient, and waste-free acts that are protecting the planet and galvanizing the company.

**In Defense of Food: An Eater’s Manifesto**  
By Michael Pollan

In response to his book *The Omnivore’s Dilemma*, Pollan tackles how we can begin to correct overconsumption one meal at a time. This guide breaks down Earth-saving dieting myths and explains the simple solution of eating proportional meals that mainly consist of plants. Pollan balances personal health and happiness with a conscious choice of helping the environment, making *In Defense of Food* a wholesome read.

**Ishmael**  
By Daniel Quinn

Spirited and timely, this classic novel both captivates and intrigues readers with a tale of a gorilla attempting to teach philosophical ideals to the human narrator. As readers progress, Quinn motivates people to consider the importance of living intentionally, specifically with the intent to save the world. Truly an eye-opening experience, *Ishmael* is a great read for anyone.
**SUMMER READING LIST**

*Naked Fashion: The New Sustainable Fashion Revolution*

By Safia Minney & Lucy Siegle

Founder and CEO of fair trade and sustainable fashion label, People Tree, Minney and Siegle team up with fashion icons Emma Watson and Summer Rayne Oakes to discuss the darker, more destructive side of the fashion industry that most are unaware of. Inside they offer solutions that are easy to implement, from up-cycling to searching for ethical brands. Overall a good read for anyone interested in sustainable style.

*Silent Spring*

By Rachel Carson

Recognized as a foundational piece to the environmental movement, Carson’s book shocked the nation with her report on the dangers of mass pesticide application, and brought to light its adverse effects on nature. As a result, the public called for legal action that would be more considerate to the air, land and water sustaining them. Though the information is dated, the themes of caution are applicable to today’s social climate and continues to inspire people.

*Small if Beautiful: Economics as if People Mattered*

By E. F. Schumacher

Voted as one of the 100 most influential books since World War II by the Times Literary Supplement, Schumacher’s examination and explanation of sustainability has become foundational for twenty-first century environmentalists and economists alike. The book calls for a balance between economic growth and the growing human cost of globalization. Though published in the 70s, much of the information remains relevant to today’s issues.

*The Story of Stuff: How Obsession with Stuff is Trashing the Planet*

By Annie Leonard

Based on the famous film *The Story of Stuff*, Leonard puts into perspective how the cycle of mass consumption is harming the planet and ultimately, people. The book explains Earth’s dangerous predicament and offers a solution as to how we can begin to correct environmental degradation, social injustices, and health hazards. Informative and inspirational, this is a must-read for anyone.

*Zero Waste Home: The Ultimate Guide to Simplifying Your Life by Reducing Waste*

By Bea Johnson

Practical and insightful, *Zero Waste Home* provides a simple, inclusive step-by-step plan, from small-scale composting to canceling junk mail, that helps save money, reduces waste, and protects the planet through small sustainable actions at home. The results are truly remarkable as Johnson describes how her family’s health and happiness improve as they become more sustainability-minded.