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Review

This timely guide is the *Where There Is No Doctor* of community water, sanitation and environmental health. It makes water, health and hygiene accessible to those who need it most. Focusing on the important intersection of public health and risk reduction at the community level FOR the community, this guide is literally a lifesaver. --Miriam Aschkenasy, MD, Public Health Specialist, Oxfam America

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This book shows the myriad ways in which water is essential to health, and how our health is threatened by those who would deny our right to water through privatization, pollution, and profiteering. An incredible educational and organizing tool in the struggle for water democracy and global survival. --Maude Barlowe, Director and Co-Founder, Blue Planet Project; and National Chairperson, Council of Canadians

About the Author

Jeff Conant is an environmental activist, writer and editor. His non-fiction and educational writing focuses on the intersection of social justice, development, communications, and ecology. As an independent journalist he has written on climate, water privatization, resource colonization, food sovereignty, ecological sanitation, zero waste, environmental and social justice, and cultural politics for numerous publications; he won a Project Censored Award in 2010 for coverage of the World Water Forum in Istanbul, Turkey.

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As part of Hesperian's renowned field-testing process, 121 grassroots organizations from around the world in 33 countries, including from India, Ecuador, Uganda, Philippines, and Mozambique, participated in the development of this book in English. They reviewed the manuscript and suggested revisions, activities and stories to ensure that the content was relevant and accessible.

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