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**Grey House Publishing announces the Fourth Edition of  
*The Environmental Debate: A Documentary History***

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This latest edition of *The Environmental Debate: A Documentary History* is the fourth published by Grey House Publishing. This updated and expanded edition includes a new General Introduction detailing the often complicated environmental issues that are the subject of the included primary documents, two new Appendixes listing Significant Dates and Major International Environmental Organizations, and an expanded Glossary of 90 essential terms. *The Environmental Debate* addresses a wide range of environmental issues, including biotechnology, global warming, green economics and the environmental impact of the American diet.

First, the **General Introduction** presents a clear, succinct overview of the extremely complex environmental issues that are the subjects of the Primary Documents. Eleven pages long, this Introduction addresses eleven environmental categories: Population; Land Use & Property Rights; Water Availability & Quality; Energy; Air Quality, Climate Change & Atmospheric Issues; Waste Production & Disposal; Toxic Chemicals & Radioactive Waste and Their Disposal; Forests, Wilderness & Wildlife; Fisheries, Oceans & Aquatic Life and The Loss of Bio-diversity.

The main body of the text consists of **207 Primary Documents**. Documents include the writings of naturalists, conservationists, scientists, philosophers, lawyers, judges, politicians, sociologists, artists and poets, as well as from government reports, federal, state, and local legislation, and court cases. The collected documents present a wide variety of attitudes about environmental issues, to ensure balanced and complete coverage of the environmental debate.

Detailed **Historical Introductions** begin each chapter and precede each primary document, to provide a context for analyzing each document and will aid readers to better understand the various stands taken in debates over how, why, and if our environment needs to be protected.

Chapters are arranged chronologically to illustrate how environmental thought has changed over time. Chapters cover:

- Foundations of American Environmental Thought & Action
- Politicians, Naturalists and Artists in the New Nation 1776-1839

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- The Origins of Environmental Activism, 1840-1889
- The Roots of the Conservation Movement, 1890-1919
- Rethinking Our Relationship to Nature, 1920-1959
- The Heyday of the Environmental Movement, 1960-1979
- Confronting Economic & Social Realities, 1980-1999
- Environmental Politics in a New Millennium, 2000–2010
- Environmentalism in the Climate Crisis, 2010–2023

The text is extensively cross-referenced to aid in comparing and contrasting opinions and to direct the reader to sources of additional research.

Additional features include:

**Appendix I – Significant Dates in American Environmental History:** This timeline includes discoveries, inventions, court cases, legislation, and world events. It starts with the 1626 ordinance passed by the Plymouth Colony regulating the cutting and selling of timber, and ends with the 2023 Canadian wildfires that spread polluted air across the continent and beyond.

**Appendix II – Major Conservation and Environmental Organizations:** This section includes detailed listings of the most significant organizations around the world that are involved with environmental decisions, from the American Bird Conservancy to the World Wildlife Fund. It has been completely revised and expanded in order to showcase the many national and international organizations currently working for a better environment.

**Glossary:** The Glossary includes nearly 100 terms—scientific, legal, and political. It includes terms that are frequently heard, like Acid Rain and Fracking, as well as those not as common, like Biota and Environmental Justice.

**Further Reading:** This list of more than 100 books and articles is designed to deepen the reader’s understanding of any given aspect of the environmental debate, and has been enhanced to cover works released since the previous edition was published in 2017.

**Notes, Copyright Acknowledgments, Index:** These final sections provide sources, citations, and helpful ways for readers to find the exact information they are looking for.

*The Environmental Debate* serves a wide range of curriculums as well as current affairs research needs as it explores critical topics that impact us socially, economically, politically and environmentally. This updated fourth edition, with its broad array of perspectives, will be a welcome resource for students and researchers wishing to explore controversial environmental issues from as many different angles as possible.

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