



Book Information

The Earth Care Manual A Permaculture Handbook for Britain and other Temperate Climates

By Patrick Whitefield

This critically acclaimed and definitive permaculture design book was the inspiration Brigit Strawbridge (*It's Not Easy Being Green*, BBC2) needed to attend her first permaculture design course with Patrick Whitefield, setting her and her family off on a voyage of discovery which is helping to introduce and inspire others.

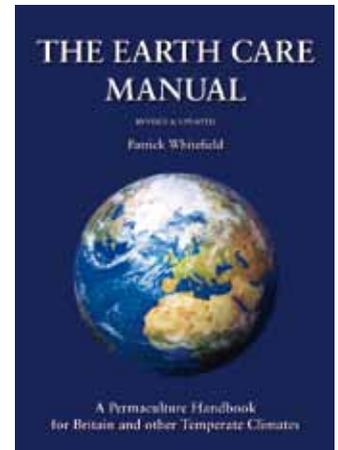
Already hailed in the UK, Europe and America as definitive, and reprinted by popular demand, *The Earth Care Manual* offers an inspirational yet practical vision of a sustainable future invaluable to those new to the subject as well as to the experienced practitioner.

The permaculture movement started in the 1970s as a sustainable alternative to modern industrial agriculture, taking its inspiration from natural ecosystems. It initially placed an emphasis on gardening, with proponents of permaculture since expanding on its principles; addressing all subjects vital to sustainability, from building and community design to food, energy, water, microclimate and shelter.

All of these topics and more are addressed in *The Earth Care Manual*, demonstrating that permaculture is an interconnecting framework linking a diversity of green ideas. Its aims are a low input, high output efficient use of resources – and genuine sustainability.

The Earth Care Manual gives a vision of a sustainable future and the practical steps we can take towards it, both large and small, urban and rural.

Written by Patrick Whitefield, one of Europe's foremost teachers and practitioners of temperate permaculture, it explains in depth how to apply permaculture to any situation, from the smallest of buildings or apartments, to houses, gardens, orchards, farms and woodlands.



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What people are saying about THE EARTH CARE MANUAL

Recommended ... a wonderfully practical book offering advice on the skills that will enable you to lead an environmentally sensitive lifestyle.

Kim Wilde, horticulturist and pop star, reviewing for The Daily Mail

Just occasionally a book is published that fully justifies its title and can even change the reader's perspective on life. This is one of those rare and inspiring landmark events. A visionary, yet practical book.

The Garden – Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society

Well-presented, well-tested, invaluable details... a turning point in the story of permaculture.

Country Life

The case studies give a grounding in reality ... it provides an astounding amount of information.

Grand Designs Magazine

An awesome book ... hugely informative ... it will extend your knowledge and open your eyes.

Organic Gardening

A few sentences in and I realised I was in the company of one of the world's great teachers. Patrick Whitefield writes as if he were speaking directly to you.

Reforestation Scotland

The definitive book about permaculture for temperate climates, highly recommended.

Agroforestry Research Trust

A comprehensive guide to permaculture in temperate zones is at last here... an invaluable book.

Positive News

This encyclopaedic reference is a step-by-step guide to putting permaculture into action.

Ethical Consumer

A profound achievement in the ripening of the global permaculture movement ... thorough and beautifully designed ... an essential reference ... highly recommended.

Permaculture Activist (USA)

This is a truly astonishing book. An important one too... the amount of knowledge shared is staggering and the vision of a sustainable future that it offers is captivating.

Wave

A mansion of a book ... Importantly, Whitefield has finally pulled permaculture out of the southern hemisphere and given those of us living in a cool temperate climate a book we can really use.

Clean Slate

The Earth Care Manual, put simply, is fantastic. It is what those of us in temperate climates have urgently needed. Patrick's considerable experience in the fields of woodlands and fruit growing shine through especially strongly, but the whole book is rich with vision and experience. What it offers is common sense solutions rooted in the culture and climate of these islands. This book is a clear and unarguable road map to where we need to go, an A-Z to sanity and common sense. Patrick has created a manual with which we can repair this beautiful jewel of a planet which we are fortunate enough to inhabit, and in so doing has given us a truly precious gift.

Rob Hopkins of the Transition network

A phenomenal work ... the section on fruit and nuts recognises the enormous potential as a staple food crop. For my money the book is worth the admission price for this chapter alone.

Permaculture Works

A beautifully illustrated resource. One of the main thrust is to inspire ordinary people to grown food especially in urban areas. I fully recommended it.

The Spark

Some critics have said that permaculture is all very well and good for tropical or desert conditions, but isn't suitable for a cool temperate country such as the UK. However, all that is set to change with the publication of *The Earth Care Manual*, the first fully comprehensive permaculture designers handbook specifically written for British conditions. And what a phenomenal work it is! Experienced permaculturist Patrick Whitefield has assembled a truly encyclopedic work covering virtually every aspect of the physical design of the world around us.

Graham Burnett, reviewing for Vegan Organic Network's 'Growing Green' magazine

Just occasionally, I pick up a book and then kick myself for not having bought it sooner. I'm going to be carrying the scar for a few years to come having realised what I've been missing out on with this gem. Having this book by my side feels like having a favourite mentor standing right behind me ready to whisper words of wisdom in my ear the moment I need them.

Burra Maluca, reviewing for permies.com

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Patrick Whitefield is a British permaculture teacher, designer, and author of *Permaculture in a Nutshell* (1993), *How to Make a Forest Garden* (2002), *The Earth Care Manual* (2004), and *The Living Landscape, How to Read it and Understand it* (2009) and *Tipi Living* (2011). He has been an influential British exponent of the permaculture movement since 1990, and has appeared in several television programmes, including the BBC's *It's Not Easy Being Green* (2006) and *A Farm for the Future* (2008).



Patrick grew up on a smallholding in Somerset and qualified in agriculture at Shuttleworth College in Bedfordshire. He has experience of farming in Britain, the Middle East and Africa, and has been involved in organic gardening, nature conservation, country crafts and green politics. He offers various permaculture courses at Ragmans Lane Farm, Gloucestershire.