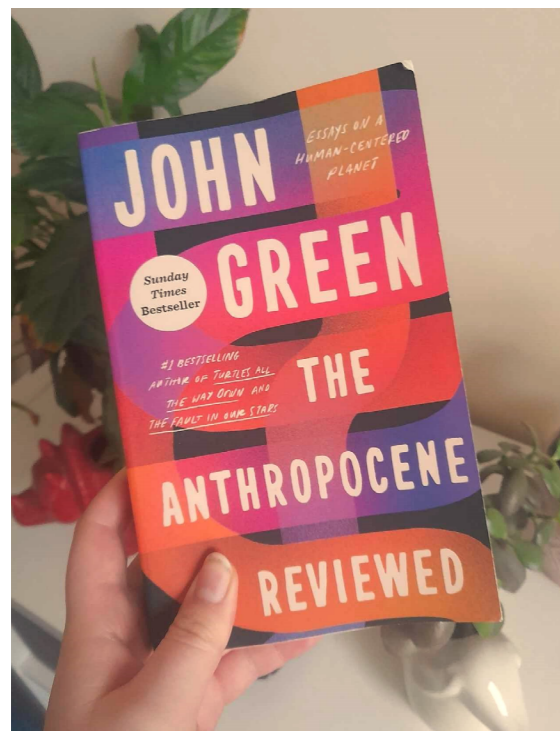


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SUSTAINABILITY BOOK REVIEWS #12



by Bethany Climpson

John Green is famous for having written a number of bestselling YA novels – but it's in his first nonfiction offering that the reader gets to know him better than we ever could've in *The Fault in our Stars* or its ilk. *The Anthropocene Reviewed: Essays on a Human-Centred Planet* is exactly what it says on the tin. Green writes of his favourite, least favourite, and the completely arbitrary aspects of the world and his life, and then rates them out of five stars.

Diet Doctor Pepper: four stars. Sunsets: five stars. Our Capacity for Wonder: three-and-a-half stars.

The Anthropocene is a proposed geological epoch – or period of time. It sits alongside, but is more recent than, other well-known epochs, like the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods, and proposes that the Holocene –

approximately 9,700 years ago to now, from the ice age to human development – actually stops when humans started having an impact on the planet. This human impact, human-caused climate change, defines the Anthropocene.

The book centres itself on humans and the things we have created, and the history that can affect and define a person's life, especially one growing up in America. From essays on Halley's Comet and the Lascaux Cave Paintings from seventeen thousand years ago, to Super Mario Kart and the performance of a specific Liverpool FC player on May 25th, 2005.

Green writes in the introduction, "I wanted to understand the contradiction of human power: We are at once far too powerful and not nearly powerful enough. We are powerful enough to radically reshape Earth's climate and biodiversity, but not powerful enough to choose how we reshape them. We are so powerful that we have escaped our planet's atmosphere. But we are not powerful enough to save those we love from suffering."

The Anthropocene Reviewed is occasionally funny, always informative and above all else a meaningful book that is just as much about the joy that humans have created as it is about the problems we made along the way.



INSPIRING ECO-HOPE WITH STRESSLESS THROUGHOUT MARCH

More and more, people are feeling angry or worried about climate change. This eco-anxiety is becoming increasingly common, especially amongst students. So, throughout March, the StressLess team invites everyone to take part in a month of activities to encourage hope and practical sustainability through crafts, escape rooms, TedTalks and more.

Activities and events you can get involved with this month:

- Weekly green crafts, including upcycling glassware, plastic bottles into bird feeders, t-shirts and tote bags (you can even bring your own), decorating tiles, and more,
- If you need positive action, you can take part in Dear Earth letter writing, get guidance on contacting MPs and be given important petitions to sign.
- Attend slow fashion fixes and patches workshops and attend short veganism talks.
- Or join the Eco Hope photography competition.

Full events schedule on the reverse side of this newsletter.



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH @ CCCU

This March is Women's History Month, with International Women's Day on 8 March. There are a range of activities for you to get involved with, including...

- [International Women's Day - Gender and Sustainability: The Case of Fast Fashion](#), 8 March, 9am-1pm, OS.0.01
- [Women in Leadership](#), 8 March, 2-3pm, Careers & Enterprise Hub, Augustine House
- [Inspirational Women of Kent co-creation workshop](#), 9 March, 10am-2pm, The Beany Library
- [SGO Women That Inspire Us Pop-Up](#), 14 March, 11am-1pm, Touch-down

WHAT'S ON @ CCCU

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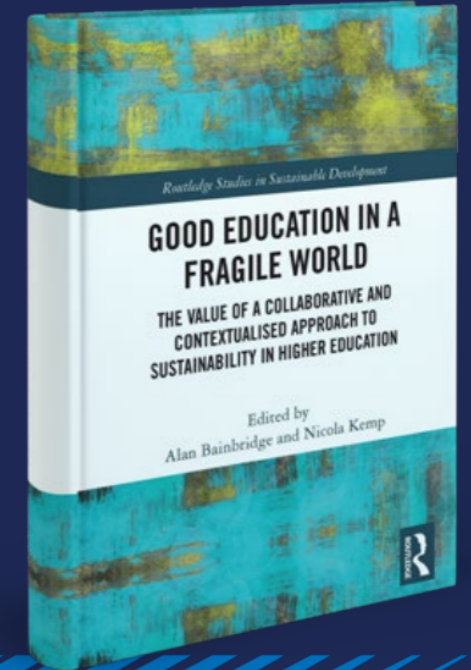
- **Potter and Prune:** every Wednesday, 3-4.30pm, Johnson Wellbeing Garden, weekly gardening sessions
- **Drawing Lots, Art Exhibition:** 26 February - 3 May, Daphne Oram Gallery
- **Eco Hope Weekly Stressless:** every Thursday, 1-5pm, StressLess Zone, 2.16 Second Floor, Augustine House
- **International Women's Day - Gender and Sustainability: The Case of Fast Fashion:** 8 March, 9am-1pm, OS.0.01
- **Slow fashion fixes and patches workshop:** 12 March, 3-5pm, StressLess Zone, 2.16 Second Floor, Augustine House
- **Panel Discussion: Critical Issues in Refugee and Asylum Law:** 13 March, 3-4pm, Ng07
- **Earth Charter Campaign Film Screening: The Old Oak:** 13 March, 4.15-6pm, Ng07
- **Queering the Archive zine project:** 13 March - 15 May, *please read the schedule of events on the student events page and email library. canterbury@canterbury.ac.uk to sign up*
- **Veg Box Collection:** 14 March, 3-5pm, location TBC, *you must order your veg box by 12 noon on 12 March*
- **Earth Charter Campaign Guest Lecture: Adult learning on the edge of a precipice, by Alan Bainbridge:** 15 March, 9-10.30am, VH.1.07
- **Bee Moo Sustainable Festival:** 19 March, 11am-1.30pm, Touchdown
- **Eco Hope StressLess at the SU:** 20 March, 12-2pm, Students' Union Building
- **Earth Charter Campaign Film Screening: This Changes Everything:** 22 March, 1-2.30pm, OS.0.19
- **Refillable Van:** 28 March, 11.30-12.30 at Augustine House, 1-4pm at Verena Holmes
- **Veg Box Collection:** 28 March, 3-5pm, location TBC, *you must order your veg box by 12 noon on 26 March*
- **Eco Hope Month Climate Escape Room:** 28 March, 3.30-5pm, AH1.21, *please sign up via the student events page*

Do you have sustainability news?

Is your team making sustainability a priority, or are you putting sustainability into your curriculum? We would love to hear about it! The Academy for Sustainable Futures is always looking for more sustainability news to share in our newsletter and on our blog. We're also happy to help and encourage your department's sustainability journey! Get in touch through sustainability@canterbury.ac.uk if you'd like to have a chat!

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BOOK LAUNCH & LECTURE

Thursday 14 March 2024, 6-7.15pm, Old Sessions House (OS.0.03); Drinks reception 5.30pm

This event celebrates the launch of the latest book in the Routledge Studies in Sustainable Development series written and edited by colleagues from Canterbury Christ Church University.

Introduced by Professor Ronald Barnett (author of the Foreword), the event aims to stimulate discussion about the most important question for contemporary higher education – what kind of education is needed to restore the health and wellbeing of the planet and ourselves now and for generations to come?

The lecture, given by the editors (Alan Bainbridge and Nicola Kemp) will unpack some of the tensions that emerge in answering this question. They specifically consider the potential role of universities as centres of 'higher' teaching and research in catalysing wider societal transformation.

The event will conclude with a panel discussion involving chapter authors and Chaired by Professor Barnett.

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