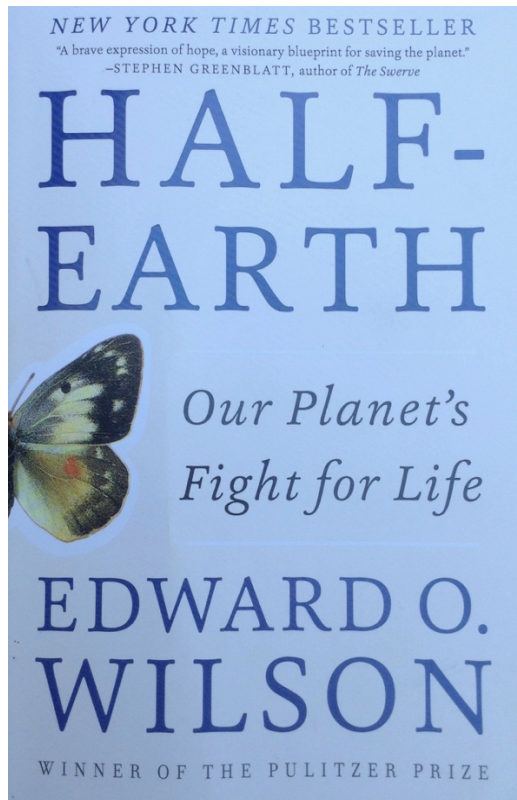


Half-Earth: Our Planet's Fight for Life

by Edward O. Wilson



- Wilson documents the many ongoing extinctions that are imminent, paying tribute to creatures great and small.
- Uniquely, *Half-Earth* considers not only the large animals and star species of plants but also the millions of invertebrate animals and microorganisms that form the foundations of Earth's ecosystems.

“The millions of species that support the living word and ultimately our own survival have been reduced to ‘critters’ and ‘bugs.’ Within this black night of ignorance we have suffered a massive failure of education and media attention.” p. 27

- Wilson is no doomsayer, resigned to fatalism. Defying prevailing conventional wisdom, he suggests that we still have time to put aside *half the Earth* and identifies actual spots where Earth's biodiversity can still be reclaimed.
- *Half-Earth* reverberates with an urgency like few other books, but it offers an attainable goal that we can strive for on behalf of *all* life.

“Wilson’s passion for the planet shines through on these pages. He looks at life in its broadest, grandest sweep...Wilson is a thinker in the tradition of Alexander von Humboldt.” — Matthew Price, *The National*

“Edward O. Wilson possesses a rare, almost unique, combination of immense scientific knowledge and deep humane intelligence. ... *Half-Earth* is not a bitter jeremiad. It is a brave expression of hope, a visionary blueprint for saving the planet.” — Stephen Greenblatt, author of *The Swerve*