



There Is No Planet B

Conversations on the Environment and Nature at The Bay Area Book Festival

**Paul Hawken, Mark Hertsgaard, Susan Griffin, Joanna Macy, Michael Branch,
Nathanael Johnson, Mary Ellen Hannibal, and more**

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Climate literacy is a priority of [The Bay Area Book Festival](#). Our environmental programming aims to inspire, educate, and lead people to action. Several sessions bring together writers and readers who are committed to science, environmental sustainability, and protection of the natural world.

Highlights of this year's conversations on **the environment** and **nature**, which all take place in venues in downtown Berkeley, include:

- **Paul Hawken's Drawdown: Real Solutions for Climate Change with Mark Hertsgaard** — *Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming* shows a realistic path forward that can roll back global warming within 30 years. Activist and renowned entrepreneur Paul Hawken gathered researchers from around the world to identify, investigate, and model the 100 most substantive existing solutions to climate change. (Saturday, June 3, 1:30pm at Alta Stage at Freight & Salvage)
- **Forces of Nature: Susan Griffin and Joanna Macy** — Poet **Adrienne Rich** called **Susan Griffin's** proto-feminist classic *Woman and Nature* "perhaps the most extraordinary nonfiction work to have merged from the matrix of contemporary female consciousness." Four decades after its initial publication (and with the release of a 40th anniversary paperback edition) Griffin celebrates her seminal, feminist text in conversation with acclaimed author and Buddhist scholar **Joanna Macy** (*World as Lover, World as Self*). They'll share deep insights on ecology, gender, war, and environmental destruction, as well as ways to move forward. (Sunday, June 4, 4pm at the Magnes Collection)
- **The Great Outdoors, Urban and Otherwise: The Delights and Joys of Taking a Closer Look at the Nature Around Us** (*with Michael Branch, Nathanael Johnson, in conversation with Mary Ellen Hannibal*) — Go outside. Just for a moment, be still, eyes and ears wide open. Whether it's your front yard, a tiny city park, a vast National Park, an alleyway, the beach, or the desert, there are astonishing sights and sounds to both soothe souls and invigorate minds. A desert rat, an urban

environmentalist, and a citizen scientist find common ground in this discussion of the importance—and delights—of being present in nature (wherever we find it). (Saturday, June 3, 11:45am at the David Brower Center. Sponsored by Pt. Reyes Books)

Elsewhere, two financial experts (**Andy Behar** and **Kate Campbell**) and a Buddhist economist (**Clair Brown**) show us how we can ensure that our hard-earned bucks are going toward causes we care about, such as environmental issues, income disparity, corruption, and climate change. The session is sponsored by North Berkeley Investment Partners.

And cannabis experts and authors **Beau Kilmer** and **Emily Brady** will divulge the latest in international, national, and state pot policy and explore whether California's hopes for a smooth transition should remain, well, high. This session is moderated by **David Downs**, Cannabis editor of the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

For other book festival sessions, [see the full schedule](#).

Festival speakers are available for interviews by credentialed members of the press via email or Skype in advance of the festival, or in person over the weekend event. Outlet must be identified and assignment secured before the interview.

The festival logo and other images are [available here](#), and author photos are available by request. Please contact Anna Pulley, anna@bayboofest.org.