



There Is No Planet B

Conversations about the Environment and Nature at the Bay Area Book Festival

Saturday, April 28

3:15 - 4:30 **Gary Snyder & Kim Stanley Robinson: Mt. Thoreau, Civil Disobedience, and Naming What Can't Be Named**

Gary Snyder, Kim Stanley Robinson, Laurie Glover, Jack Shoemaker

Legendary Zen poet (and Pulitzer Prize winner) Gary Snyder and his friend Kim Stanley Robinson, the renowned science fiction writer and environmentalist, had an adventure up their sleeve. They were going to hike up an unnamed peak in the Sierras near Mt. Emerson and christen it Mt. Thoreau. You aren't allowed to just name peaks, as Robinson wrote in an account of the adventure, "Is It Civil Disobedience to Name a Mountain for Thoreau?" They did the deed, despite what they felt surely would have been Thoreau's disapproval. They come to us now to talk about civil disobedience, nature writing, the environmental movement, poetry, and naming what can't ultimately ever really be named. In conversation with Snyder's longtime publisher Jack Shoemaker of Counterpoint Press.

Sunday, April 29

2:30 - 3:45 **Smart Activism: History and Hope, with L.A. Kauffman and Rebecca Solnit**

L.A. Kauffman, Rebecca Solnit

How can activism be most effective today? Let's look to history. Come hear one of the Bay Area's most famous activists and writers—Rebecca Solnit—in conversation with longtime friend and movement insider L.A. Kauffman on the history and future of activism. Solnit, whose writing spans numerous books, articles, and social media, is perhaps most well-known for "Hope in the Dark," a veritable holy book for activists, as well as her more recent books on feminism and three highly creative atlases, plus many works on community, the environment, and the arts. In "Direct Action: Protest and the Reinvention of American Radicalism"—a masterwork 25 years in the making—L.A. Kauffman expertly deconstructs the origins of today's protest movements as a means of making activism more powerful today. How have past movements used disruptive tactics to catalyze change? Is there, indeed, still hope in the dark, and how do we act on it?