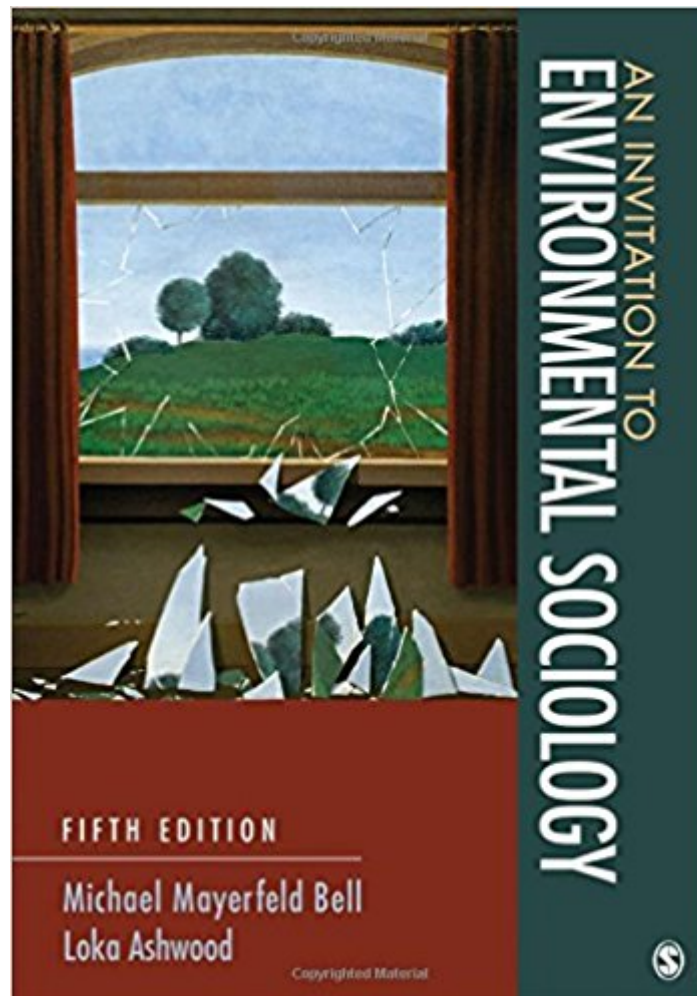




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This is a decent textbook. They offer a lot of quantified data to back up their arguments, well thought approaches and explanations of theories that embody environmental sociology. Also supplies a surprisingly decent overview of on-going environmental issues and some of the science behind them. I have no idea what that other guy Matt Larsen is talking about; I doubt he read much of this book at all. I am an environmental science student and while I have no real interest in sociology or politics and only read this book because I had to, I'd say both the book and my environmental sociology class gave me a healthy outlook on how environmental issues come about from human ecological processes. Don't let that other guy's review scare you, they even state in the beginning of the book that what they are writing about is influenced by their own political views and you should try and think for yourself rather than agreeing with everything they say. No quotes from all over were found here lol.

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Great

Written in the style of an advocate rather than an educator, the main lesson of this book is that Environmental sociology is not a science at all but a cover for a political agenda. Do not read this or

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