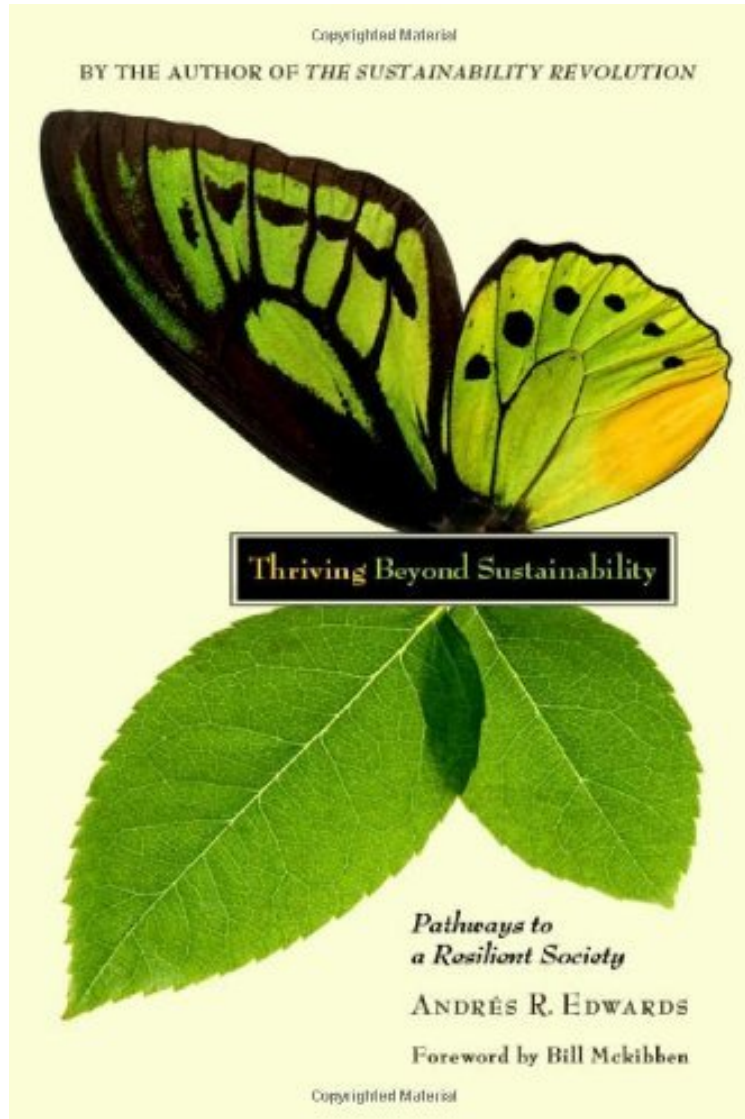


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and it did not keep my attention, but I can't discredit the author due to the fact that he wrote about what he said the book was all about. My only problem was that the book simply was not interesting. I can only think that maybe if the book had been produced differently or the information announced differently, I may have been able to stay awake while reading the book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A good "Positive thinking"- and action-resource even if due for an update. By Andrew Wilson This book is to be credited firstly with its positive step from mere "sustainability" to Edwards' concept of "thriveability". That is positive thinking writ large! Edwards lists an impressive number of movements that are concerned with positive changes in the world. Secondly, at the end of each chapter is a whole list of things large or small that interested people can actually do to help. Less important but interesting all the same is to compare the changes that have happened in the world with events discussed in the version that I read, published in 2010. For example, "Better Place", the electric car battery exchange company, has failed, and the Copenhagen summit was widely regarded as a failure; but there has since been a major agreement between the US and China- the "Big Two"- to limit their CO2 emissions. I would recommend this book to anybody wanting a positive first guide to an action plan for themselves. I am interested that other reviewers state that they would not recommend this book to those who have already abandoned hope of 'saving the planet', and I think that I have to concur- those readers ("preppers"?) might be more uplifted by works about surviving future negative changes. I further feel that it is also probably more of a resource book than an entertaining one for already-committed environmentalists. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Inspiring book By Michelle Ishaya The book entitled Thriving Beyond Sustainability by Andres R. Edwards has helped me recognize the reality of climate change. I have heard it in the news but I never paid much attention to the problems we are facing due to our devastation to our environment. The author is able to clearly describe some of the problems that we are facing with climate change and what are the several initiatives that are being done all over the world in order to stop the destruction of Earth. What I found very interesting about this book is it is not aiming to just stop the bad things that we do on our environment. It is also promoting a sense of community and harmony in order for us to have a more quality life. According to Andres Edwards, "thrivability focuses on a collaboration and abundance. The concept acts as catalyst to motivate us to take action" (page 4). In other words, the author argues that we should live one with nature and not think as a separate entity from it. We should take care of this planet because we are a part of it. The author is successful to inspire my classmates and I to start making changes in our lifestyles. I do believe that educating others and sparking our interest is a good start in order to spread awareness to more people regarding climate change. Moreover, he was able to convey the message that if we all act as one community we will all reach the goal of thriving rather than just trying to survive. I recommend this book to educators, parents, and community leaders so that they can spread awareness to more people. We need to act now and make necessary changes in order to reduce the destruction that we do on our environment.

Every fifteen seconds on our Earth, a child dies from waterborne disease. Three times an hour, another species becomes extinct. Each day we consume eighty-five million barrels of oil and pump twenty-three million tons of carbon dioxide into an already warming atmosphere. But against this bleak backdrop, beacons of hope shine from thousands of large and small initiatives taking place everywhere from isolated villages to major urban centers. Thriving Beyond Sustainability draws a collective map of individuals, organizations, and communities from around the world that are committed to building an alternative future; one that strives to restore ecological health; reinvent outmoded institutions; and rejuvenate our environmental, social, and economic systems. The projects and initiatives profiled are meeting the challenges of the day with optimism, hope, and results, leading the way in: Relocalization Green commerce Ecological design Environmental conservation Social transformation Overflowing with inspiration, the stories and ideas in these pages will cause the most chronic pessimist to see the glass as half full; to move beyond a perception of surviving with scarcity to one of flourishing with abundance. The comprehensive resource section provides the tools for everyone to become a catalyst for change. Andres R. Edwards is the author of The Sustainability Revolution, which has sold over twenty thousand copies. He is an educator, media designer, LEED-accredited green building and sustainability consultant, and the founder of EduTracks, a firm specializing in developing education programs and providing consulting services on sustainable practices.

An inventory of grounded hope, practical inspiration, and achievable visions; exactly the kind of thinking, work, and doing that will bring civilization to safe harbor. - David W. Orr, author of Down to the Wire Andres Edwards is a walking database of information on efforts to create sustainable societies, and his enthusiasm for the promise of sustainability is infectious. - Gary Gardner, Senior Researcher, Worldwatch Institute Thoroughly researched, deeply contemplated, and yet eminently practical. I warmly recommend it to anyone concerned about the future of human civilization. - Fritjof Capra, author of The Web of Life and The Hidden Connections This is a beautifully written and eloquent plea for us to wake up to our potential and begin to exercise our natural talent for survival. An extensive resource list at the end provides a wealth of references for further research. This volume is written in a spirit of hope and promise that, if we are willing to follow a fairly simple and direct path, we indeed have hope for a viable future. -

