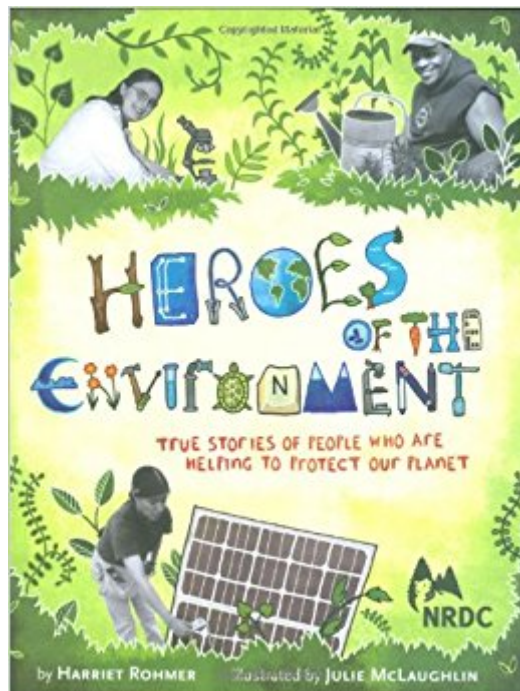




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# Heroes Of The Environment: True Stories Of People Who Are Helping To Protect Our Planet



## Synopsis

This inspiring book presents the true stories of 12 people from across North America who have done great things for the environment. Heroes include a teenage girl who figured out how to remove an industrial pollutant from the Ohio River, a Mexican superstar wrestler who works to protect turtles and whales, and a teenage boy from Rhode Island who helped his community and his state develop effective e-waste recycling programs. Plenty of photographs and illustrations bring each compelling story vividly to life.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 10 - 13 years

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 5â9â The mantra of the environmental movement is "think globally, act locally," and this book offers examples of local heroes who are helping to save the planet. Maps, illustrations, and photographs are used to good effect. Each of the 12 chapters tells the story of a person doing his/her part to preserve our environment. Debby Tewa works to bring solar energy to Indian Country, and Sarah James speaks on behalf of the Gwich'in Indian Peoples of Alaska and Canada who want to save the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from oil drilling. Judy Bonds, a community activist in West Virginia, works to bring an end to mountaintop removal mining; and Omar Freilla founded ReBuilders Source, a New York City-based company that recycles building materials.

Stories come from all across America and include a diverse group of men and women, making this volume of interest to a broad audience. A final section offers information on how readers can get involved in their own communities.â "Patricia Ann Owens, Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel, IL  
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Rather than featuring the usual roundup of environmental heroes, this title spotlights 12 contemporary conservationists who are working to fight pollution in cities, oceans, and wetlands, from Alaska to Mexico City. Many of the featured activists are young people. At age 11, Alex Lin started a campaign in Rhode Island for the safe disposal of electronic waste (â œTodayâ s technology should not become tomorrowâ s toxic trashâ •). Erica Fernandez, a teenage Mexican immigrant in California, led a successful fight to prevent a pipeline that would transport highly explosive gas through her neighborhood. Julia Bonds, a coal-minerâ s daughter in Appalachia, is working to replace coal with wind power. The bookâ s format is lackluster, but the black-and-white photos do show the individuals at work in their communities. The powerful mix of personal stories with crucial environmental and social issues will be a call to action for young readers, who will want to move on to the final section: â œHow You Can Get Involved.â • Grades 6-10. --Hazel Rochman

I loved it and so does my 8 year old grandson! He keeps saying, "Grammy can I read another story in the Heroes of the Environment book?" It's truly a book to inspire all ages. We should be hearing more about the people who make such a difference for our lives. They are true heroes! You will be amazed at the wonderful ideas that these heroes have created and put into practice. No kidding: go ahead, check them out!!

This would make a good textbook for elementary/middle school children. DCB

Heroes of the Environment is a beautiful, inspiring book containing stories of what can be done when a person is motivated to make a difference in their community or in the world. I would love to see this book available in our schools to give our children a view of what is possible. Everyone can make a difference using whatever talents they have. Wonderful little book.

Interesting book!

My 6th grader enjoyed it!

Bought this to use for Boy Scouts achievement 7. It fit our needs. We shortened the stories just a tad when we read them to the boy scouts,

I purchased this book for my Cub Scout Wolf Den. It fulfills Achievement 7E. The book is well done and provides 12 stories about everyday people who have done astounding things to help their communities and the environment. It helps kids make a connection between environmental activism and awareness, and real world projects.

I was positively inspired by the stories in this book! A great book to exemplify how one person can make a difference, not just for the environment but for any cause that's important to you. I am planning to get this book for each of the third-fifth classrooms for my daughter's school. And I'm also buying a copy to have in my house!

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