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**Encyclopedia of environmental ethics and philosophy: v.1: Abbey to Israel; v.2: Jackson to Wright, appendices, index**, ed. by J. Baird Callicott and Robert Frodeman. Macmillan Reference, 2009. 2v bibl index; ISBN [9780028661377](#), \$280.00.

**Outstanding Title!** Reviewed in 2009may CHOICE.

This relevant, authoritative, and impressively accessible two-volume encyclopedia covers the capacious and growing field of environmental philosophy. Its cross-disciplinary nature is reflected not only by the expansive variety of its over 300 peer-reviewed entries, but also by the breadth and diversity of subject expertise among its several hundred international contributors (e.g., philosophy, religion, political science, sociology, economics, women's studies, law, agriculture, biology, geography, architecture). In addition to an introductory chapter surveying the emergence of environmental ethics as a subfield from the Western philosophical tradition, the front matter includes a thematic outline helpfully organizing the entries according to 28 self-explanatory topics (e.g., "Commerce and Economics," "Environmental Activism," "NGOs," "Philosophical Issues," "Religions," "Technology and Its Role," "Types of Environmental Philosophy"). Consistently clear and informative, the entries feature cross-references and up-to-date bibliographies (which include Web sites). The second volume concludes with a conveniently annotated bibliography and index. Editors in chief Callicott and Frodeman (both, Univ. of North Texas) have successfully realized their aim of presenting to a very wide readership "a source that provides succinct accounts of the core values and issues surrounding humanity's relationship to the natural world." **Summing Up:** Highly recommended. Lower-level undergraduates through faculty/researchers. -- R.

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