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Review

I owe this book the most profound debt of gratitude. It is the book which first suggested what a collective response to peak oil and climate change rooted in permaculture design principles might look like in practice. The breadth of what Holmgren does in this book still blows me away. Read it slowly, digest it well, discuss it with anyone who will listen. Like all life-changing experiences it is best savoured, as you will thereafter think of your life in two halves, before you read *Permaculture: Principles & Pathways* and after. I do not hesitate to refer to it as a work of great genius. Rob Hopkins co-founder of the Transition Movement

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About the Author

David Holmgren is best known as the co-originator with Bill Mollison of the permaculture concept following the publication of *Permaculture One* in 1978. Since then he has written several more books, developed three properties using permaculture principles, conducted workshops and courses in Australia, New Zealand, Europe and Japan. Within the growing and international permaculture movement, David is respected for his commitment to presenting permaculture ideas through practical projects and teaching by personal example, that a sustainable lifestyle is a realistic, attractive and powerful alternative to dependent consumerism. As well as constant involvement in the practical side of permaculture, David is passionate about the philosophical and conceptual foundations for sustainability, which he explored in *Future Scenarios: How Communities Can Adapt to Peak Oil and Climate Change* (2009), and *Permaculture: Principles and Pathways Beyond Sustainability* (2003). With an increasingly high profile as a public speaker, David Holmgren provides leadership with his refreshing and unorthodox approach to the environmental issues of our time.

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