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From *Publishers Weekly* Starred . Collected here are 44 trenchant essays written for various publications over the past 25 years by an astute observer of contemporary life and the environment. In some, McKibben reflects on personal experiences; in others, he discusses the sources of his environmental activism. Many of the pieces deal with global warming the subject of McKibben's first book, *The End of Nature*, and the folly of endless growth the theme of his more recent *Deep Economy*. All have something to say that is worth hearing, but it is the collection's pervasive sense of hope for the world that sets apart these provocative, beautifully written essays. Though McKibben worries about consumerism and the environment, he sees reason for optimism, too, rejoicing in the simple spirituality he finds in his hometown church, the popularity of old-fashioned state fairs, the return of forests to the eastern United States, the transformation of a town in Brazil into a haven for pedestrians, the success of sustainable farming in Cuba and the recent involvement of evangelicals in the environmental movement. There are all sorts of sweet things in this world, McKibben writes, many of which are us, and many of which are not. Thankfully, McKibben has borne witness to them with grace and style. (Mar. 4) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. McKibben has just edited *The Bill McKibben Reader*, an anthology of forty-four essays on topics as diverse as being arrested at a demonstration, spending time with writer Wendell Berry and putting his Christian faith into action. Susan Larson, *The Times Picayune* (New Orleans) Those who think in shades of green shouldn't miss *The Bill McKibben Reader: Pieces from an Active Life*, a compilation of 44 previously published works from the author of *The End of Nature*. The essays, collected over two and a half decades, contain surprising turns of logic--in one McKibben argues for the reintroduction of wolves to the Adirondacks while comparing the embattled animals to SUV's--as well as humor and a refreshing pragmatism. *Adirondack Life* Collected here are 44 trenchant essays written for various publications over the past 25 years by an astute observer of contemporary life and the environment. . . . All have something to say that is worth hearing, but it is the collection's pervasive sense of hope for the world that sets apart these provocative, beautifully written essays. *Publishers Weekly* (starred review) A welcome anthology whose constituent pieces, all well written, retain every bit of their urgency. Kirkus s About the Author Bill McKibben is the author of a dozen books, including *The End of Nature*, *Enough: Staying Human in an Engineered Age*, and *Deep Economy*. A former staff writer for *The New Yorker*, he writes regularly for *Harper's*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, and *The New York of Books*, among other publications. He is a scholar in residence at Middlebury College and lives in Vermont with his wife, the writer Sue Halpern, and their daughter.