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Book Reading by

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In her ground-breaking book, *Nature Ethics: An Ecofeminist Perspective*, Marti Kheel explores the underlying worldview of leading figures in the field of "nature ethics" (more commonly known as "environmental ethics"). Examining the influence of gender on environmental thought, she critiques an orientation which seeks to save the "Wolf" by killing wolves. Kheel offers a reminder that nature ethics must include empathy and care for individual animals as well as concern for larger wholes like "species," "the ecosystem" or the "land."

Biographical Note

Marti Kheel is a prominent writer and activist in the areas of ecofeminism, animal advocacy, and environmental ethics and author of the recently published *Nature Ethics: An Ecofeminist Perspective* (Rowman & Littlefield). Her articles have been widely published in journals and anthologies both within the United States and abroad. She co-founded Feminists for Animal Rights in 1982 and holds a doctorate from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, where she is currently a visiting scholar.



Reviews

“Nature Ethics is a ground-breaking contribution to the literature and a must read for anyone concerned with the links between environmental ethics, animal liberation and feminist critique of male cultural bias.” — Rosemary Radford Ruether, author, Gaia and God.

“A major figure in ecofeminism, Marti Kheel’s original thinking about nature ethics culminates in this sweeping volume. She offers vital insights into the destructive consequences of a detached masculine self-identity, and a path toward the development of a genuinely inclusive nature ethic that respects all living beings.”

— Greta Gaard, University of Wisconsin, author, Ecofeminism: Women, Animals, Nature

“Nature Ethics is a major contribution to ecofeminist philosophy, animal liberation, and environmental ethics. Marti Kheel provides an invaluable critique of the ecological position that accepts violence toward individual beings while professing love and respect for the larger natural world.” — Carol Adams, author, The Sexual Politics of Meat

“Anyone interested in women’s studies, animal advocacy, hunting, vegetarianism, or environmental ethics will find this impressive book helpful and challenging.” — Peter Wenz, University of Illinois, author, Environmental Ethics

“I would buy this book for the section on vegan practice alone. Hats off to Marti Kheel and this wonderful book!” — Jeffrey Masson, author, The Pig Who Sang to the Moon

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