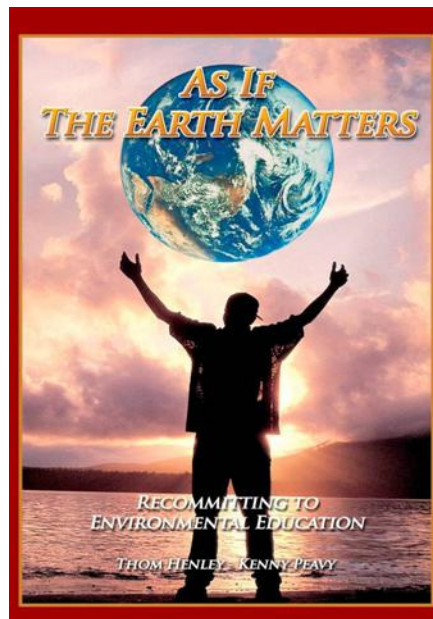


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Most of us who remember the first Earth Day have collected a treasure trove of activities and resources to support not just the knowledge and skills required for environmental consciousness but the attitudes. Many of those resources are neglected in textbooks today.

As If the Earth Matters is a beautiful collection of such activities, from role plays and kinesthetic activities to art, music, and listening adventures. Each is described completely enough to be repeated. The activities are well-suited to elementary and middle school, and many work for secondary situations as well.

The authors have authentic, international experience with children in Sumatra and other nations that they describe at the end of the book. Photos of children around the world enrich the text. These give a world-class flavor to the book. Teachers who are designing curricula will love the book. But it will be even more valuable for those planning spring or summer outdoor education experiences, where it is an essential!

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