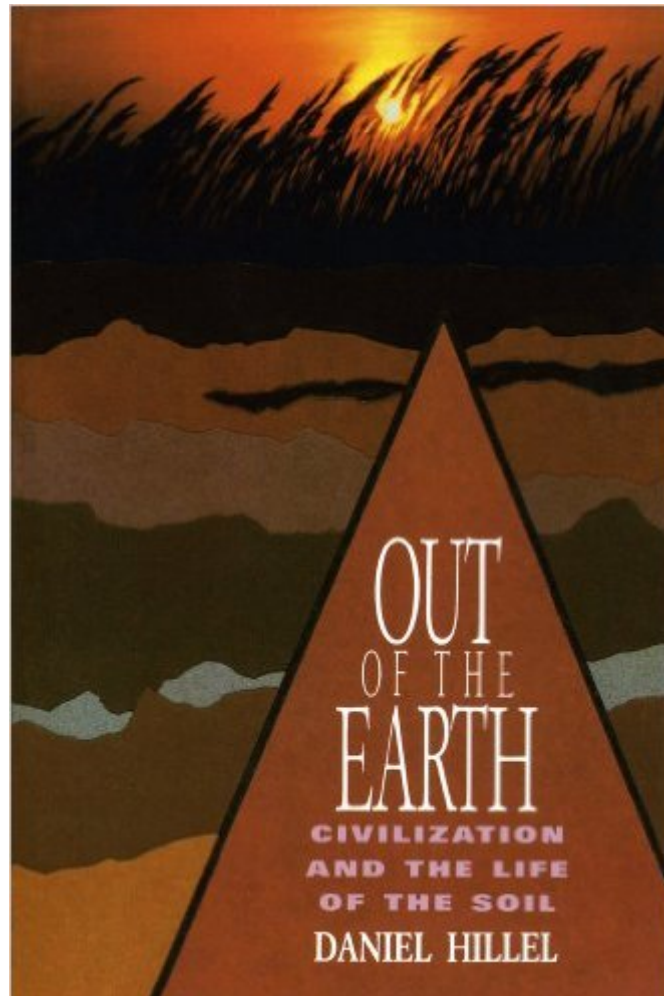




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This book is amazing, inspiring, wonderful. I was so uninterested in the topic of soil before I took a required class in which this book was mentioned. The author, Hillel, discusses the earth from many different points of view, mythological, anthropological, philosophical, ecological, and, of course, scientific. He tells us why the fertile crescent is no longer fertile and about similar destruction we're wreaking on our own bread basket lands right now... Surprisingly, this is an easy book to read. I read many parts of it outloud to friends. Now when I walk I am aware of the life teeming under each step I take...

Bought it for a science course in uni. I found it written in an understandable way, at least, but wasn't too attracted to the topic

This book is so exciting I couldn't put it down. Soil just rocks my world!This review is supposed to be

20 words long so I wrote this sentence to meet the requirements puts on reviews. I can't say much else about this book due to spoilers but I will say its dirty ;).

not only is the man a monster of soil science, but he packs a whallop with this one, dissecting the unsustainable management skillz (with a "Z", different than the "S"-type set of skill flow. i just made that up) of those silly ancient civilizations and how it was a major contributor, and sometimes the greatest, to their downfall. makes me think about the way we do our business and how it's all so based on borrowed time. read it!

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