Survival
One Health, One Planet, One Future

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Planet Earth has been here for over 4.5 billion years but in just two human generations we have managed to place our only "home" at great risk. Many lessons from history have not yet been learned and new lessons may prove equally, if not more difficult, to take on board as we head deeper into this century.

This book highlights two of our greatest social problems: changing the way we relate to the planet and to each other, and confronting how we use technology (dataism) for the benefit of humankind and the planet. Covering a wide range of key topics, including environmental degradation, modern life, capitalism, robotics, financing of war (vs peace) and the pressing need to re-orient society toward a sustainable future, the book contends that education is key to our survival. The author argues that One Health - recognising the fundamental interconnections of people, animals, plants, the environment - needs to inform the UN-2030 Sustainable Development Goals and that we need to work toward the adoption of a new mind-set: replacing our current view of limitless resources, exploitation, competition and conflict with one that respects the sanctity of life and strives toward well-being for all, shared prosperity and social stability.

Clearly written, evidence-based and transdisciplinary, and including contributions from the World Bank, Chatham House, UNESCO, World Economic Forum, the Tripartite One Health Collaboration (FAO, OIE, WHO), One Health Commission, and more, this book cuts across sociopolitical, economic and environmental lines. It will be of great interest to practitioners, academics, policy-makers, students, non-government agencies and the public at large in both developed and developing nations.

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