

COMMON GROUND IN A LIQUID CITY:
ESSAYS IN DEFENSE OF AN URBAN FUTURE
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This winter, acclaimed publisher AK Press brings you a new, unapologetic defense of city life in a time of environmental crisis.

If we want to preserve what's still left of the natural world, we need to stop using so much of it.

Common Ground in a Liquid City is a fun and engaging look at the future of urban life. Hern takes us on a journey through over a dozen urban centers, from Vancouver to Istanbul, Montreal, Las Vegas, and beyond, exploring the history and current composition of cities around the globe and highlighting the elements of each that make it livable. What emerges in the end is an appealing portrait of what the urban future might look like--environmentally friendly, locally focused, and governed from below.

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