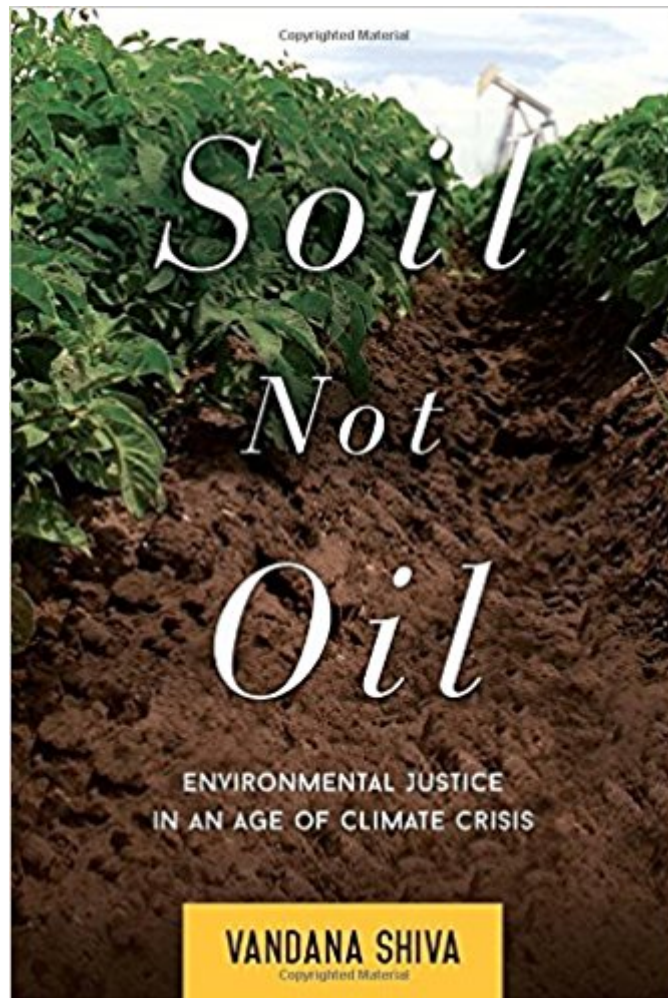




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“One of the world’s most prominent radical scientists.” *The Guardian* “Shiva | has devoted her life to fighting for the rights of the ordinary people of India. | Her fierce intellect and her disarmingly friendly, accessible manner have made her a valuable advocate for people all over the developing world.” *Ms. magazine* “Shiva is a burst of creative energy, an intellectual power.” *The Progressive* “A leading thinker who has eloquently blended her views on the environment, agriculture, spirituality, and women’s rights into a powerful philosophy.”

Vandana Shiva is a physicist, world-renowned environmental thinker and activist, and a tireless crusader for economic, food, and gender justice. She is the author and editor of many influential books, including *Making Peace with the Earth*, *Earth Democracy*, *Staying Alive*, *Stolen Harvest*, *Water Wars*, and *Globalization's New Wars*. Dr. Shiva is the recipient of more than twenty international awards, among them the Right Livelihood Award (1993); the John Lennon-Yoko Ono Grant for Peace (2008); The Sydney Peace Prize (2010); and the Calgary Peace Prize (Canada, 2011). In addition, she is a board member of the World Future Council and one of the leaders and board members of the International Forum on Globalization (whose other members include Jerry Mander, Edward Goldsmith, Ralph Nader, and Jeremy Rifkin). She travels frequently to speak at conferences around the world.

I love her writing, but there are not too many new ideas here that I have not read from her before. For the uninitiated, a good read.

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