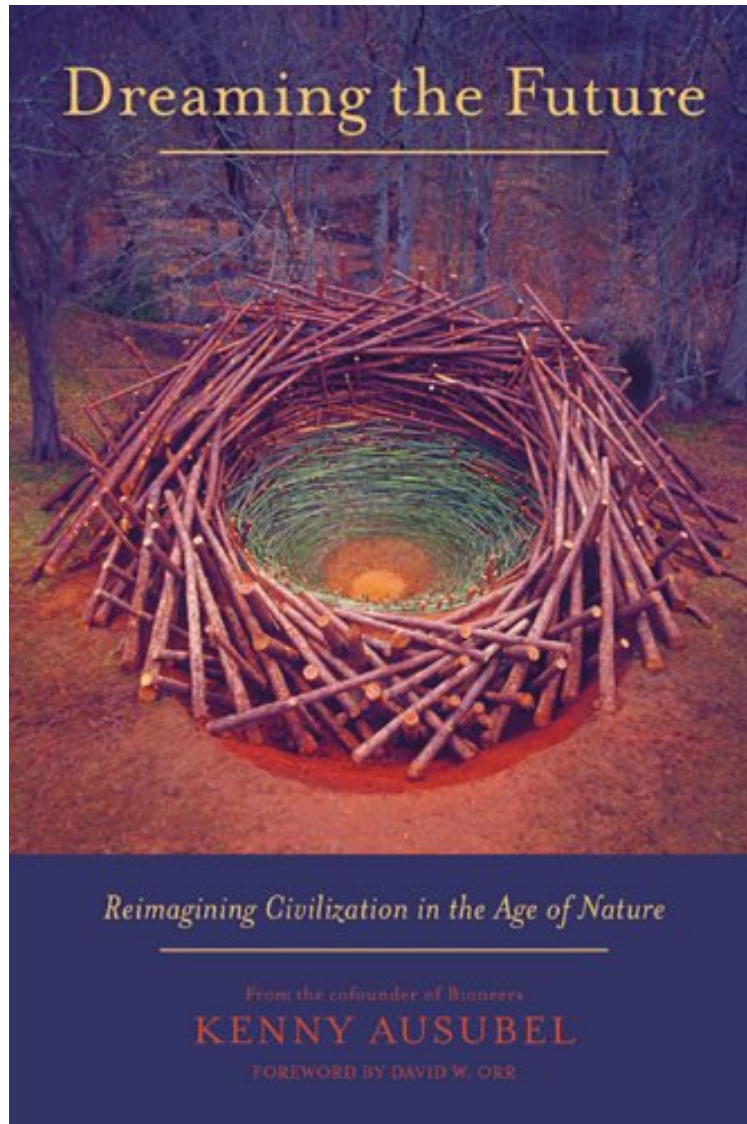


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Few would deny that we are entering a period of great change. Our environment is collapsing. Social disruption abounds. All around, it seems, we are experiencing breakdown. But out of this chaos comes the opportunity for breakthrough--the opportunity to reimagine our future. In *Dreaming the Future*, Kenny Ausubel leads us into that possible new world and introduces us to the thinkers and doers who are--sometimes quietly, sometimes not--leading what he calls "a revolution from the heart of nature and the human heart." In a collection of short, witty, poignant, even humorous essays, Ausubel tracks the big ideas, emerging trends, and game-changing developments of our time. He guides us through our watershed moment, showing how it's possible to emerge from a world where corporations are citizens, the gap between rich and poor is cavernous, and biodiversity and the climate are under assault and create a world where we take our cues from nature and focus on justice, equity, diversity, democracy, and peace. Even those steeped in the realities of a world gone wrong and efforts to right it will find refreshing, even surprising, perspectives in *Dreaming the Future*. It will come as no surprise to readers that Ausubel is cofounder of Bioneers--which foreword author David W. Orr describes as "one part global salon...one part catalytic organization."

Publisher's Weekly--The essays in this collection reflect his thoughts and proposals on a wide variety of topics related to this general goal, ranging from the Gaia theory of Earth as a self-regulating system, to the ecological effects of medical technology, the similarity of modern politics and organized crime, and the difficulty of organizing grassroots resistance against corporate exploitation. Many of these pieces have been published previously over the last decade on websites like *The Huffington Post* and *AlterNet.org*. They are, however, still highly relevant, and the book is a convenient, readable, and informative corpus of Ausubel's work. His breezy, fast-paced writing style and his in-depth knowledge of environmental and political issues will inspire readers who share his values and his belief in the importance of shaping human behavior for the sake of environmental sustainability. A list of bibliographic sources for each essay provides guidance for readers who wish to do further research, but there are no footnotes for specific factual statements, which may limit the book's ability to persuade skeptical readers. "Without doubt, Kenny Ausubel has one of the most glorious minds on the planet. Herein he has crafted a dazzling treasury of essays on the destiny of humanity and its place on earth, a rosary of startling truths. His ability to describe the cataclysmic loss of living systems contrasted with the luminous and untold rise of human awakening is unique among living writers and speakers. Read this for its brilliance, but read it also to find joy in the intricate reimagining of what it means to be a human being at this parlous moment in civilization."--Paul Hawken, author of *Blessed Unrest*; co-author, *Natural Capitalism*"Kenny Ausubel is one of the planet's key people, a kind of hub for the new ideas that will, if we're smart, shape our future. He delivers them with the... brio and confidence that will help people overcome their fear and get to work!"--Bill McKibben, author of *Eaarth*; founder of 350.org "Dreaming the Future proposes a path forward that is both profoundly radical and full of common sense. An excellent read for everyone who wants to build a better future--and for those looking to supplement the many dry technical tomes about today's environmental problems. Ausubel explores the political, cultural, and personal changes needed to chart a sustainable path forward, leaving readers delighted and hopeful."--Annie Leonard, author and host, *The Story of Stuff*; co-director, *The Story of Stuff Project*"A brilliant new look at what it is to be human on a living planet. Kenny Ausubel has devoted his life to creating organizations that dream a new future. In this marvelous book he shares his vision in eloquent words that inspire us to take action. Read, enjoy, dream--and act!"--John Perkins, author, *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man and Hoodwinked*"This valuable book underscores that many of the solutions so desperately needed today have already been discovered by nature. In these challenging times, Kenny Ausubel has become a leader of leaders, blazing the trail so others can follow. He is a powerful voice for nature's undervalued ecological services--[reminding us] that nature has innate resources and solutions for solving the complexity of problems humans have created. Now is our time, and the world needs more voices like Kenny Ausubel's. *Dreaming the Future* is much more than a dream: this is a blueprint for survival."--Paul Stamets, author, *Mycelium Running: How Mushrooms Can Help Save the World*About the AuthorKenny Ausubel is an award-winning social entrepreneur, author, journalist and filmmaker. He is co-CEO and cofounder of Bioneers, a nonprofit dedicated to disseminating practical and visionary solutions for restoring Earth's imperiled ecosystems and healing our human communities. Ausubel launched the celebrated annual Bioneers Conference in 1990 with his Bioneers cofounder and wife, Nina Simons, and serves as executive producer of the

Bioneers plenary series airing on Free Speech TV and Link TV. He acted as a central advisor to Leonardo DiCaprio's feature documentary *The 11th Hour*, and appears in the film. He also cofounded Seeds of Change--purveyors of organic, biodiverse heirloom seeds. In addition to *Dreaming the Future: Reimagining Civilization in the Age of Nature* (2012), Ausubel has written three books--*When Healing Becomes a Crime: The Amazing Story of the Hoxsey Cancer Clinics and the Return of Alternative Therapies* (2000); *The Bioneers: Declarations of Interdependence* (1995) and *Seeds of Change: The Living Treasure* (1994). He also founded and operates Inner Tan Productions, a feature film development company, has written two screenplays, and has also produced several documentary films about alternative medicine. Kenny has served as executive producer and principal writer of the award-winning radio series *Bioneers: Revolution from the Heart of Nature*, heard in more than 200 communities across the U.S. and Canada, and more globally--reaching 70 million listeners worldwide. He lives in the mountains outside Santa Fe, New Mexico with his wife and their two dogs.