

Two Percent Solutions for the Planet: 50 Low-Cost, Low-Tech, Nature-Based Practices for Combatting Hunger, Drought, and Climate Change

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Two Percent Solutions for the Planet takes a clever approach to environmental problems. Rather than look at overarching solutions, Courtney White compiles fifty examples of effective, relatively small-scale success stories from around the world—all of which have made a positive impact on the environment and climate. In one example, he looks at the use of beetles to quickly turn manure into fertilizer. He describes an Australian farm's experience grazing cattle alongside sheep, replenishing the land while simultaneously raising the animals on a healthy grass diet. Another project involved using natural materials like sticks and stones to improve a creek's flow. The fifty examples show a nice range of innovative solutions that can be replicated, with results that benefit the planet as well as a specific farm, ranch, or other piece of land. The book's title comes from the notion that all these solutions could be implemented for a tiny fraction of GDP, and each of the fifty examples includes links and resources for additional information about how to implement them.

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