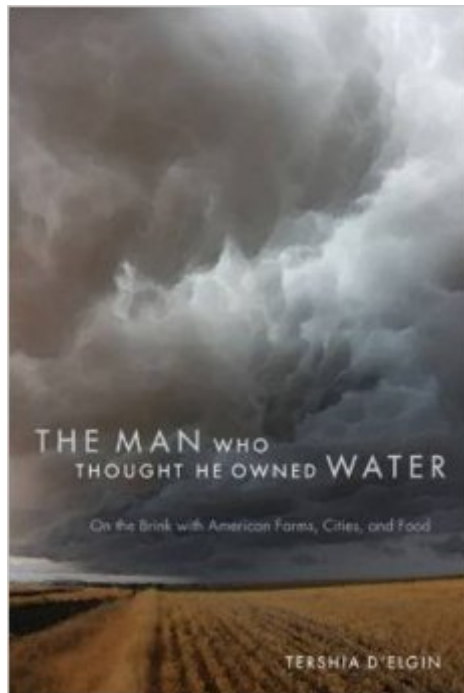


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The Man Who Thought He Owned Water: On The Brink With American Farms, Cities, And Food



Synopsis

The Man Who Thought He Owned Water is author Tershia dâ™Elginâ™s fresh take on the gravest challenge of our timeâ”how to support urbanization without killing ourselves in the process. The gritty story of her familyâ™s experience with water rights on its Colorado farm provides essential background about American farms, food, and water administration in the West in the context of growing cities and climate change. Enchanting and informative, The Man Who Thought He Owned Water is an appeal for urban-rural cooperation over water and resiliency. Â When her father bought his farmâ”Big Bend Stationâ”he also bought the ample water rights associated with the land and the South Platte River, confident that he had secured the necessary resources for a successful endeavor. Yet water immediately proved fickle, hard to defend, and sometimes dangerous. Eventually those rights were curtailed without compensation. Through her familyâ™s story, dâ™Elgin dramatically frames the personal-scale implications of water competition, revealing how water deals, infrastructure, transport, and management create economic growth but also sever human connections to Earthâ™s most vital resource. She shows how water flows to cities at the expense of American-grown food, as rural land turns to desert, wildlife starves, the environment degrades, and climate change intensifies. Â Depicting deep love, obsession, and breathtaking landscape, The Man Who Thought He Owned WaterÂ is an impassioned call to rebalance our relationship with water. It will be of great interest to anyone seeking to understand the complex forces affecting water resources, food supply, food security, and biodiversity in America. Â

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The Man Who Thought He Owned WaterI came to The Man Who Thought He Owned Water as a water professional, involved with water issues at many scales. Dâ™Elginâ™s storytelling makes fairly technical material very accessible, but what really struck me is her heart. She elucidates how this precious resource is the lifeblood of our planet and affects us all individually and collectively. I am grateful for her reminder that as our global resources diminish and our population grows, it is increasingly important that we are compassionate and share both responsibility and what belongs to us all. Thank you, Tershia.

In The Man Who Thought He Owned Water, d'Elgin exposes an archaic, dysfunctional system of water management that threatens more than our ability to grow food. Coupled with extensive research and first hand farming experience, d'Elgin beautifully illustrates the web of issues around water security that we face today. A must read for anyone who seeks to better understand the vital link water plays in the chain of events that is causing the destruction of our environment.

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