



Millipedes and Moon Tigers: Science and Policy in an Age of Extinction (Hardback)

By Steve Nash

University of Virginia Press, United States, 2007. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Millipedes and Moon Tigers explores those uneasy places where scientific research meets public policy-making - and the resulting human effect on our natural and historical landscapes. Steve Nash's eye gravitates toward those specific, contemporary stories whose relevance does not diminish with a turn of the calendar's page, for they represent larger, looming issues. The destruction wrought upon native ecosystems by invasive species such as snakehead fish; the drastic and, in many cases, mysterious reduction in songbird populations in recent decades; the blight of a century ago that wiped out four billion chestnut trees, which once made up a quarter of the Eastern forest. Nash does more than lament the passing of the continent as it once was. He reveals the factors that have led to endangerment and extinction - from environmental policies that are terribly outdated to technologies that are evolving more quickly than our attitudes - and presents possible solutions, in both the political and scientific arenas. Nash follows an archaeobotanist on her research in the Near East to see what ancient agricultural practices in this now largely arid region can tell...



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