

Praise for *Blue Covenant*

“A sobering read.... disturbing...Ms. Barlow's book is another in what can only be described as a gathering storm of evidence of the global water crisis.” –*Globe and Mail*

“Barlow argues that access to safe water should be a basic entrenched human right... Time to wake up. The world is getting thirsty.” –*Report on Business*

“Maude Barlow conjures a grim peek 20 years into the future...in *Blue Covenant*, she has tapped into an issue of primordial importance whose time has clearly come.” –*Montreal Gazette*

“All credit to Maude Barlow...if not for us, for our children and grandchildren. They'll need clean water in a hotter, scarier world.” –*Chatelaine Magazine*

“It's thanks to the efforts of people like Barlow, who have been lobbying tirelessly on this issue before ‘green’ was a cool word, that the average Canadian's perception has finally changed.” –*Ottawa Sun*

“If water is the new oil, then activist and visionary Maude Barlow has a recommendation here about how to protect, and make equal, the world's supply.” –*Ottawa Citizen*

“*Blue Covenant's* key contribution is its proposed solution: the eponymous three-part covenant of conservation, justice in North-South trade deals, and water democracy.”
–*Walrus Magazine*

“*Blue Covenant* details the disaster that could strike in as few as 20 years if we don't change our wasteful ways.” –*Halifax Mail Star*

“Barlow amazes me...the extent of her courage and conviction over the past few decades has been inspiring. This is especially true in light of her new book, *Blue Covenant*.”
–*Toronto Star*

“Her grip on the subject is astonishing and equaled only by an ability to efficiently and effectively pass enormous amounts of information to readers in the most accessible manner...an intelligent resource for anyone interested in environmental concerns.” –*Booklist*

“...sounds the water alarm with conviction and authority.” –*Kirkus Reviews*

“There's a noble tilting-at-windmills quality to the author's call for private citizens and nongovernmental organizations to challenge corporate control of water delivery, agitate for equitable access to clean water and confront the reality that freshwater supplies are dwindling.” –*Publishers Weekly*

“The global water crisis is the first face of climate change. Protecting our water sources is as crucial as curbing greenhouse gas emissions. Maude Barlow has for decades been a leading voice for water sustainability and justice. In *Blue Covenant*, she shows us the way.” –**David Suzuki**, award-winning scientist, environmentalist, broadcaster and author of *The Sacred Balance*

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“Clean water is the bottom line of all bottom lines—and Maude Barlow shows, with compelling reporting, that we're about to go H2O-broke. But she's also a leader of an emerging movement for water justice, one that is starting to score victories in the desperate fight to keep a thirsty planet slaked.” –**Bill McKibben**, author of *Deep Economy* and *The End of Nature*

“Water remains the unseen crisis of our time. While over a billion impoverished people lack clean water, a handful of companies are buying up water rights that were formerly shared by the poor. Those who want water to flow freely confront despair, power, and stacked decks; *Blue Covenant* chronicles how ordinary and some not-so-ordinary individuals are organizing and fighting back in order to restore the right to pure water and return some semblance of grace and justice to the people of the world.” –**Paul Hawken**, author of *Natural Capitalism* and *Blessed Unrest*

“*Blue Covenant* is the most important book that’s ever been written on the global water crisis. It’s a wake-up call that should be read by everyone from world leaders to students. Maude Barlow has done it again—taken a difficult and frightening subject and made it an absorbing read.” –**Wenonah Hauber**, Executive Director, Food & Water Watch

“The victims of oil don’t call it black gold, but devil’s shit. Will blue gold become devil’s piss? This book proves that water deserves another destiny.” –**Eduardo Galeano**, author of *Open Veins of Latin America* and *Voices of Time*

“The global water crisis is one of the most serious aspects of our time. Maude Barlow is an outstanding leader who has pioneered people's and nature's right to water for the last decade. *Blue Covenant* will inspire civil society movements around the world.” –**Vandana Shiva**, physicist, ecologist, activist, editor, and author of *Biopiracy* and *Stolen Harvest*

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