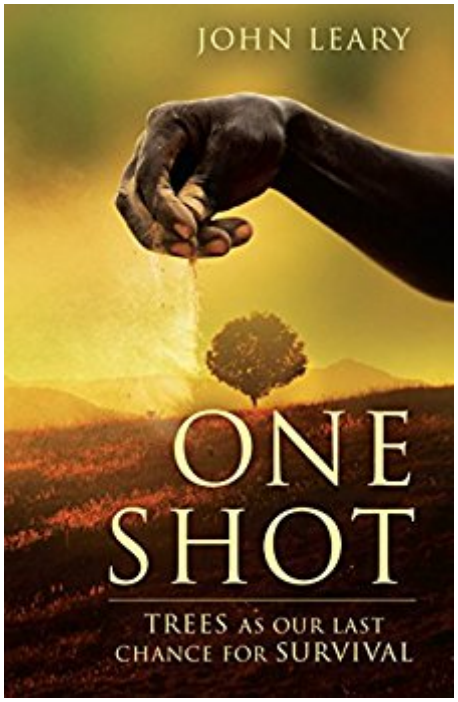
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Over the last forty years, entire countries have been stripped of a primary natural resource: trees. Most of this deforestationoccurred to make room for agriculture. Yet, in the coming decade, there will be nearly two billion undernourished people.There is a constant pressure to trade more forests for food. ONE Shot: Trees as Our Last Chance for Survival provides a compelling look at the state of the worldÃ¢â ¬â„¢s agriculture and its evolving impact on people and the environment. ONE Shot takes readers on an evolving journey from the peanut fields of Africa to the corn fields of America; connecting seven of the worldÃ¢â ¬â„¢s most pressing challenges to farming practices, and offering the revival of forest gardens as a core agricultural solution.Drawing on fifteen years of humanitarian work with communities on the verge of collapse, John Leary conveys how restoringagricultural lands with a diverse combination of trees and crops is the answer to reversing desertification, water scarcity, hunger,poverty, climate change and forced migration. In the coming decades, we have One Shot to work together to rebuild our dyingfood systems and ecosystems. Discover how trees are our last chance for survival.

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Silver bullet solutions are hard to find. What benefits a few often hurts many. Unfortunately, modern agricultural practices have too often been examples of this inequity with the poorest being hit the hardest. This text offers insights into how we got into our current situation of farmers not being able to feed themselves as well as how a different approach using forest gardens can dramatically change a family's future. Implications reach farmers in both the developed and developing world. A good read for anyone interested in farming, conservation, and the future of life on Earth. Forest gardens are about as close to a silver bullet solution to stopping the threat of hunger, erosion, poverty and more.

Previous reviews summarize the book nicely. I just want to add, thank heavens I had this book with me while I was stuck on a bus for 6 hours! I have read several books about agriculture, our food choices, and how they affect climate change in particular. This book updated my previous knowledge and was readable, compelling, and well-researched. The concept and creation of forest gardens is fascinating. Leary's description of the hunger so many families face in Africa (and that he shared while in the Peace Corp) made me understand in a more visceral way than I ever have before.

By Marcos PooleIn ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“One ShotÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• John Leary presents an intelligent and compelling argument for agricultural reform. He begins with a basic irony of past and current agro policies: greater food production inevitably leads to less food production, and greater environmental damage. He offers an alternative approach which moves away from single crop production to smaller farms producing a sustainable mix of trees and diverse plants, bordered by a ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“living fence.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• The book includes many examples of success and failure based on years of direct work with small farmers in Senegal and other Sub Saharan Africa countries.I highly recommend this book. ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s a fun and enlightening read.

This book guides a way past our world's greatest problems, including climate change, food scarcity, water shortages, the refugee crisis, and extreme poverty. By planting trees using the Forest Garden planting model, barren land can become an oasis of food, fuel, and sellable goods, that in turn, absorbs and stores carbon safely for the benefit of all. Thank you John Leary for being such a pioneer in this incredible movement!

This isn’t a book that preaches but instead adds equal doses of science, history and personal stories which bring to life the fascinating challenges and opportunity in agriculture today.

Haven’t finalized reading it yet, but it’s an amazing concept.

I have been following the work of Trees for the Future for almost a decade and I was curious to see how they tied tree planting to the state of the world’s agriculture. This was a surprising and interesting read. The author gives a historical context to the interwoven social and environmental problems we see today. He uses personal stories and the stories of others to make the information interesting and relatable. His statements are well documented and leave me wanting to discover more. I have read several environmental books on the topics of water, deforestation and rural to urban migration, but this is the first account I’ve seen that ties all these issues together and shows how destructive agriculture systems are the underlying problem. My favorite chapter was Chapter 6 - Written in Stone, where the author details all the ways we are destroying biodiversity and how the story of these deeds is being slowly and silently written in the sediments that become rock. "Rock doesn’t lie," he states. I found this a compelling way to think of deforestation, air pollution and species extinction, as something we can’t cover up or hide. The book ends with a call to action that made me consider what I was buying at the supermarket last night. I would recommend this book as an interesting read for anyone who wants to understand how what they eat is directly tied to the social and environmental problems that fill our news headlines.

This is a compelling and hopeful book about how to transform our mono-crop agricultural practices into vibrant living forest farms. It outlines how this can help the environment, promote biodiversity, and lift people out of poverty. Plus, the book is full of facts AND is delightfully readable. I already donated yearly to Trees for the Future. Now, I appreciate this organization even more. While this book, like many environmental books, is sobering it does not leave you full of despair that there is nothing to be done. Buy this book, share it, and plant a tree!

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