

# Chico Mendes

*A close associate of Chico Mendes, Gomercindo Rodrigues witnessed the struggle between Brazil's rubber tappers and local ranchers—a struggle that led to the murder of Mendes. Rodrigues's memoir of his years with Mendes has never before been translated into English from the Portuguese. Now, *Walking the Forest with Chico Mendes* makes this important work available to new audiences, capturing the events and trends that shaped the lives of both men and the fragile system of public security and justice within which they lived and worked. In a rare primary account of the celebrated labor organizer, Rodrigues chronicles Mendes's innovative proposals as the Amazon faced wholesale deforestation. As a labor unionist and an environmentalist, Mendes believed that rain forests could be preserved without ruining the lives of workers, and that destroying forests to make way for cattle pastures threatened humanity in the long run. *Walking the Forest with Chico Mendes* also brings to light the unexplained and uninvestigated events surrounding Mendes's murder. Although many historians have written about the plantation systems of nineteenth-century Brazil, few eyewitnesses have captured the rich rural history of the twentieth century with such an intricate knowledge of history and folklore as Rodrigues. Discusses the life and work of the Brazilian rubber tapper whose efforts to secure fair treatment for other*

*tappers and to preserve the Amazon rain forests resulted in his murder in 1988.*

*It's easy to feel powerless in the face of big environmental challenges--but we need inspiration now more than ever. In Nature's Allies, Larry Nielsen presents the inspiring stories of eight conservation pioneers who show that through passion and perseverance we can each make a difference, even in the face of political opposition. Nielsen's vivid biographies of John Muir, Ding Darling, Aldo Leopold, Rachel Carson, Chico Mendes, Billy Frank Jr., Wangari Maathai, and Gro Harlem Brundtland are meant to rally a new generation of conservationists to follow in their footsteps and inspire students, conservationists, and nature lovers to speak up for nature and prove that individuals can affect positive change in the world.*

*The Burning Season*

*The Murder of Chico Mendes and the Fight for the Amazon Rain Forest*

*The Same Boat*

*Chico Mendes : Two Years After*

*Chico Mendes and the End of the Amazon*  
*Marina Silva*

*Fifty Key Thinkers on the Environment*

This critique of World Bank operations examines the effects of this organization on the societies in which it operates. Highly critical of the Bank's practices in its 50 years of operation, the author demonstrates how the Bank has become virtually unaccountable

and a law unto itself. He describes how the Bank has supported oppressive regimes and loaned money to support large projects which have displaced local populations. He argues further that the Bank's current policies of structural adjustment are arresting the development of Third World countries. For over 20 years OUTSIDE magazine has devoted itself to featuring the best of contemporary travel writing and here is a magnificent collection of essays and profiles on the world as it is, written by people who revel in experiencing the new, unusual or offbeat. They take us cartwheeling down a Himalayan river, on a journey to the oil fields of Kuwait, chasing after killer bees in Africa, and into the world of cowgirl culture. Here is a wonderful tour of the natural world and an incisive view of the people and animals who inhabit it. Whether they are about the simple pleasures of outdoor life or about confronting the forces of nature, the stories and articles take us out of the noosphere, the term Teilhard de Chardin coined to describe 'the conscious unity of souls'. Each piece focuses our attention on the ways we choose to express our individuality, our passions, and our dreams. The many different animals that live in a great kapok tree in the Brazilian rainforest try to convince a man with an ax of the importance of not cutting down their home.

Chico Vive

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Struggle for Justice in the Amazon

Chico Mendes, Defender of the Rain Forest

New Approaches to Hedging

The Chico Mendes Story

*Transcription of the proceedings of the conference Chico Vive: The Legacy of Chico Mendes and the Global Grassroots*

*Environmental Movement, held April 4-6, 2014 in Washington, D.C. Some of the proceedings were originally in Portuguese, and were translated into English for this publication. Includes reproductions of the Powerpoint slides from the conference.*

*The Amazon rain forest covers more than five million square kilometers, amid the territories of nine different nations. It represents over half of the planet's remaining rain forest. Is it truly in peril? What steps are necessary to save it? To understand the future of Amazonia, one must know how its history was forged: in the eras of large pre-Columbian populations, in the gold rush of conquistadors, in centuries of slavery, in the schemes of Brazil's military dictators in the 1960s and 1970s, and in new globalized economies where Brazilian soy and beef now dominate, while the market in carbon credits raises the value of standing forest. Susanna Hecht and Alexander Cockburn show in compelling detail*

*the panorama of destruction as it unfolded, and also reveal the extraordinary turnaround that is now taking place, thanks to both the social movements, and the emergence of new environmental markets. Exploring the role of human hands in destroying—and saving—this vast forested region, The Fate of the Forest pivots on the murder of Chico Mendes, the legendary labor and environmental organizer assassinated after successful confrontations with big ranchers. A multifaceted portrait of Eden under siege, complete with a new preface and afterword by the authors, this book demonstrates that those who would hold a mirror up to nature must first learn the lessons offered by some of their own people. In Fight for the Forest, Chico Mendes talks of his life's work in his last major interview. Tony Gross, environmentalist, expert on Amazonian affairs and a friend of Chico Mendes, follows the trial, conviction, and release of Chico's assassins and examines Brazil's environmental policy under President Fernando Collor de Mello.*

*A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest*

*Out of the Noosphere*

*The Proletarian's Pocketbook*

*Fight for the Forest*

*Brazil*

*The World Is Burning: Murder in the Rain Forest*

*Eight Conservationists Who Changed Our World*

**This book provides an introduction into the diversity of the environmental movement through great characters in the green sector. The book describes inspiring personal achievements, and at the same time it provides readers with information regarding the history, the main directions and the ethical principles of the environmental movement. Some of the most important characters of the movement from all around the world, are included in the book. As well as the title characters, Buddha and Leonardo DiCaprio, other famous environmentalists like Albert Schweitzer, David Attenborough and Jane Goodall are discussed. Some of the less well-known but equally important environmentalists such as Chico Mendes, Bruno Manser, Henry Spira, Tom Regan or Rossano Ercolini are highlighted in the various chapters. The selection of characters represents all major branches within the green sector, ranging from medieval saints to Hollywood celebrities, from university professors to field activists, from politicians to philosophers, from ecofeminists to radicals.**

**Relates the life story of Chico Mendes, a man who worked tapping rubber trees, led a campaign to save the Brazilian rainforests, and became an international hero. A well-researched and deftly written account of the life and times of Mendes, the Brazilian rubber tapper and grass-roots environmentalist who was murdered in 1988 by ranchers intent on their short term gain. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR**

**The Great Kapok Tree**

**The Latin American Ecocultural Reader**

**From Buddha to Leonardo DiCaprio**

**Extractive Reserves in Brazilian Amazonia**

**Local Struggles, Global Histories**

**reflections on Chico Mendes and the future of the  
rainforest**

**Developers, Destroyers, and Defenders of the Amazon,  
Updated Edition**

This book is about environmental defenders and the violence they face while seeking to protect their land and the environment. Between 2002 and 2019, at least two thousand people were killed in 57 countries for defending their lands and the environment. Recent policy initiatives and media coverage have provided much needed attention to the protection and support of defenders, but there has so far been little scholarly work. This edited volume explains who these defenders are, what threats they face, and what can be done to help support and protect them. Delving deep into the complex relations between and within communities, corporations, and government authorities, the book highlights the diversity of defenders, the collective character of their struggles, the many drivers and forms of violence they are facing, as well as the importance of emotions and gendered dimensions in protests and repression. Drawing on global case studies, it examines the violence taking place around different types of development projects, including fossil fuels, agro-industrial, renewable energy, and infrastructure. The volume also examines the violence surrounding

conservation projects, including through militarized wildlife protection and surveillance technologies. The book concludes with a reflection on the perspectives of defenders about the best ways to support and protect them. It contrasts these with the lagging efforts of an international community often promoting economic growth over the lives of defenders. This volume is essential reading for all interested in understanding the challenges faced by environmental defenders and how to help and support them. It will also appeal to students, scholars and practitioners involved in environmental protection, environmental activism, human rights, social movements and development studies.

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*Fifty Key Thinkers on the Environment* is a unique guide to environmental thinking through the ages. Joy A. Palmer, herself an important and prolific author on environmental matters, has assembled a team of thirty-five expert contributors to summarize and analyse the thinking of fifty diverse and stimulating figures – from all over the world and from ancient times to the present day. Among those included are: Philosophers such as Rousseau, Spinoza and Heidegger Activists such as Chico Mendes Literary giants such as Virgil, Goethe and Wordsworth Major religious and spiritual figures such as the Buddha and St Francis of Assisi. Lucid, scholarly and informative, these fifty essays offer a fascinating overview of mankind's view and understanding of the physical world.

Em Memória, Chico Mendes

Walking the Forest with Chico Mendes

The Murder of Chico Mendes and the End of the Amazon

Environmental Defenders

On Trial in Brazil

Green Heroes

Globalization and Environmental Crises in Latin America

Hedging is an essential part of everyday communication. It is a discourse strategy which is used to reduce commitment to the force or truth of an utterance to achieve an appropriate pragmatic effect. This title provides an overview of research on the topic by bringing together studies from a variety of fields.

The Latin American Ecocultural Reader is a comprehensive anthology of literary and cultural texts about the natural world. The selections, drawn from throughout the Spanish-speaking countries and Brazil, span from the early colonial period to the present. Editors Jennifer French and Gisela Heffes present work by canonical figures, including José Martí, Bartolomé de las Casas, Rubén Darío, and Alfonsina Storni, in the context of our current state of environmental crisis, prompting new interpretations of their celebrated writings. They also present contemporary work that illuminates the marginalized environmental cultures of women, indigenous, and Afro-Latin American populations. Each selection is introduced

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with a short essay on the author and the salience of their work; the selections are arranged into eight parts, each of which begins with an introductory essay that speaks to the political, economic, and environmental history of the time and provides interpretative cues for the selections that follow. The editors also include a general introduction with a concise overview of the field of ecocriticism as it has developed since the 1990s. They argue that various strands of environmental thought—recognizable today as extractivism, eco-feminism, Amerindian ontologies, and so forth—can be traced back through the centuries to the earliest colonial period, when Europeans first described the Americas as an edenic “New World” and appropriated the bodies of enslaved Indians and Africans to exploit its natural bounty.

CHBiographies

Twenty Years After Chico Mendes

Chico Mendes. The Rainforest Martyr

The Legacy of Chico Mendes and the Global Grassroots Environmental Movement

Into the Amazon

From the ashes

Defending Rainforest Communities in Brazil

World Bank, Environmental Impoverishment and the Crisis of Development

**ABSTRACT: In the 20 years since the murder of rubber tapper leader Chico Mendes and subsequent creation of Extractive Reserves (ERs), ERs have become a popular conservation and development**

**tool in the Brazilian Amazon. However, ER residents have faced challenges to improving their livelihoods based on sustainable use of the forest, leading to a shift towards cattle ranching and a questioning of rubber tappers' status as sustainable forest managers. This dissertation focuses on three core themes. The first examines overall ER policy evolution over two decades in the Amazon. The second examines issues of land-use/land-cover change and changing livelihoods among forest extractivists in the Chico Mendes Extractive Reserve (CMER) in Xapuri/Acre compared with cattle adoption by smallholder colonists. The third explores the implications of livelihood changes for the evolving self-definition of rubber tappers. This dissertation is guided by theoretical perspectives of political ecology, environment and development, and land-use/land-cover science. It analyzes socioeconomic data gathered through multiple household surveys and government agencies, qualitative information from key informant interviews, and land-cover change detection.**

**'Think globally, act locally' has become a call to environmentalist mobilization, proposing a closer connection between global concerns, local issues and individual responsibility. A History of Environmentalism explores this dialectic relationship, with ten contributors from a range of disciplines providing a history of environmentalism which frames global themes and narrates local stories. Each of the chapters in this volume addresses specific struggles in the history of environmental movements, for example over national parks, species protection, forests, waste,**

**contamination, nuclear energy and expropriation. A diverse range of environments and environmental actors are covered, including the communities in the Amazonian Forest, the antelope in Tibet, atomic power plants in Europe and oil and politics in the Niger Delta. The chapters demonstrate how these conflicts make visible the intricate connections between local and global, the body and the environment, and power and nature. A History of Environmentalism tells us much about transformations of cultural perceptions and ways of production and consuming, as well as ecological and social changes. More than offering an exhaustive picture of the entire environmentalist movement, A History of Environmentalism highlights the importance of the experience of environmentalism within local communities. It offers a worldwide and polyphonic perspective, making it key reading for students and scholars of global and environmental history and political ecology.**

**In Fight for the Forest, Chico Mendes talks of his life's work in his last major interview.**

**Deadly Struggles for Life and Territory**

**The Case of Chico Mendes and the Quest for Justice in Rural Areas**

**Chico Mendes in His Own Words**

**The Story of Chico Mendes**

**Adventure, Sports, Travel, and the Environment: The Best of Outside Magazine**

**Trouble in Paradise**

**The Second Murder of Chico Mendes**

A picture book that tells the important story of Chico Mendes, who led the fight to protect the Amazon rainforest and demand fair

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treatment for the people whose livelihoods depended on it. Chico Mendes lived in the depths of the Amazon rainforest where trees grew tall and strong and wildlife roamed freely. From the age of 8, Chico worked with his father collecting sap from trees that could be sold to make rubber. Rubber tappers were very poor and the rainforest was increasingly being destroyed by burning and logging, threatening their livelihoods. Chico knew he had to take a stand. He became a spokesperson for the community, fighting hard to preserve the Amazon rainforest, and speaking up for the rights of other rubber tappers. He won several international awards for his campaigns, but the loggers still wouldn't stop. At the age of 44, Chico was murdered by one of the loggers. Grippingly written by award-winning author, Anita Ganeri, and vibrantly illustrated by Margaux Carpentier, *Forest Fighter* tells the inspiring story of Chico Mendes, who was not afraid to speak up for others and worked tirelessly to protect the rainforest. It depicts the incredible wildlife and peoples who co-exist there and shows why it is so important that all rainforests are protected. Relates the story of the rubber tapper who was murdered because of his protest movement to stop the destruction of the Amazon rain forest.

This title was first published in 2003: Despite their growing political significance, the linkages between local resource

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management and the global political economy are often poorly understood. This book addresses these linkages in a grounded analysis of extractive reserves : areas in Brazil set aside for local populations who depend on natural resources for their livelihood. Extractive reserves are the result of the struggle of the rubber tappers for control over their natural resources and worldwide concern with the conservation of the Amazon Rainforest. The author examines their significance for Brazil as a pioneering legislative and policy initiative to combine conservation with productive use of natural resources, to recognize common property rights to natural resources, and to support traditional populations' modes of production. Extractive Reserves in Brazilian Amazonia examines the formation and institutional sustainability of the reserves, and in so doing provides a valuable insight into the relationship between local institutions and the wider socio-political and economic context with regard to forest management. A Tribute on the Ten Year Anniversary of His Death

The Passion of Chico Mendez

Rain on Fire

Nature's Allies

Local Resource Management and the Global Political Economy

Mortgaging the Earth

Murder in the Rain Forest

**A biography of Marina Silva, senator and winner of the Goldman Environmental Prize, who helped protect the rainforests of Brazil. Inspired by Mao's Little Red Book, this work is full of quotes to inspire and teach revolution. With quotes from the Combahee River Collective, Mao, Lenin, bell hooks, Assata Shakur, 2pac, Malcolm X, Stalin, Les Feinberg, Fred Hampton, Fanon, and more, this book is bound to inspire the revolutionary spirit inside you and your comrades to organize, educate, and revolt! Full list of authors: Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin Mumia Abu-Jamal Sundiata Acoli James Baldwin Amilcar Cabral Fidel Castro Che Guevara Combahee River Collective Angela Davis Dimitrov Frederick Douglass Friedrich Engels Frantz Fanon Les Feinberg Paulo Freire Anuradha Ghandy Fred Hampton Harry Haywood Ho Chi Min bell hooks Enver Hoxha Dolores Ibarruri Kim Il-Sung George Jackson Jonathan Jackson Marsha P. Johnson Claudia Jones Frida Kahlo Ghassan Kanafani Leila Khaled Martin Luther King, Jr. Alexandra Kollantai James and Grace Lee Boggs Vladimir Lenin Audre Lorde Rosa Luxemburg Nelson Mandela Mao Tse-Tung Sub Marcos José Mariátegui Carlos Marighella Karl Marx Chico Mendes Evo Morales Toni Morrison**

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**Rural Violence and the Murder of Chico Mendes**

**Extractive Reserves' Expansion, Cattle Adoption and Evolving Self-definition Among Rubber Tappers in the Brazilian Amazon**

**Forest Fighter**

**The Fate of the Forest**

**A History of Environmentalism**