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*Living as Part of the Natural World*



J. Claude Evans

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We eat, inevitably, at the expense of other living creatures. How can we take the lives of

plants and animals while maintaining a proper respect for both ecosystems and the individuals who live in them-- "including ourselves? In this book philosopher J. Claude Evans challenges much of the accepted wisdom in environment ethics and argue that human participation in the natural cycles of life and death can have positive moral value. With a guide for the nonphilosophical reader, and set against the background of careful and penetrating critiques of Albert Schweitzer's principle of reverence for life and Paul Taylor's Philosophy of respect for nature. Evans uses hunting and catch-and-release fishing as test cases in calling for a robust sense of membership in the natural world. The result is an approachable, existential philosophy that emphasizes the positive value of human involvement in natural processes in which life and death giving and receiving, self and other are intertwined.

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