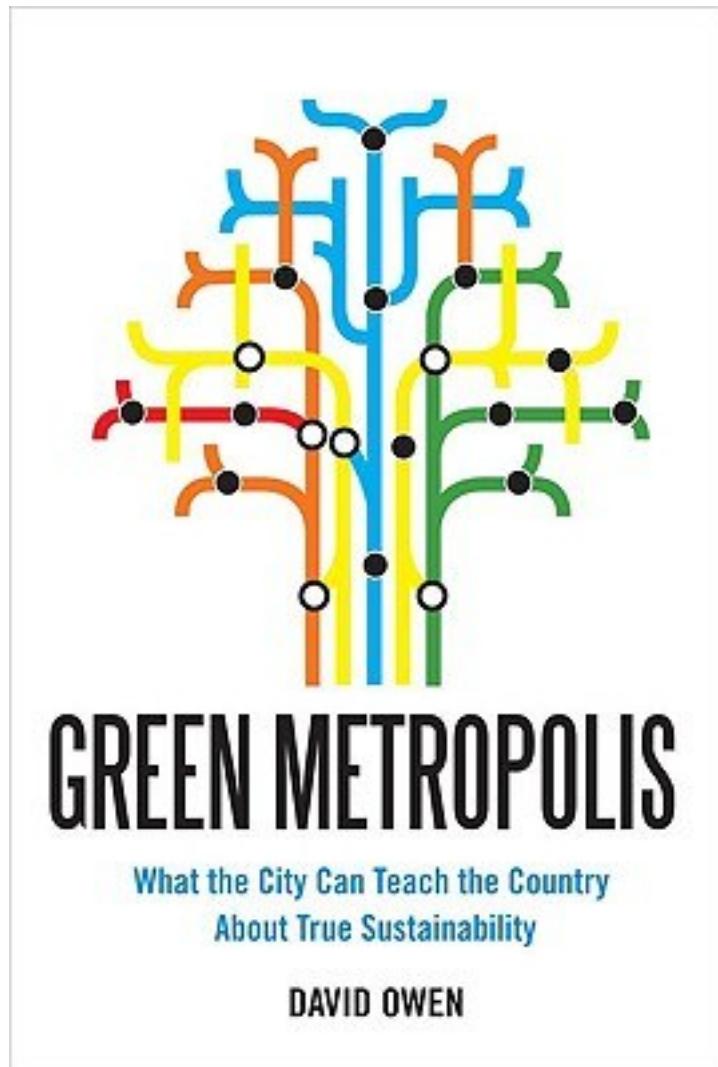


# Green Metropolis



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No, urban centers aren't the death of the environment, argues New Yorker staff writer Owen. In terms of the per capita production of greenhouse gases, New York City ranks last nationwide. A confirmed city girl, I'm biased, but I still say this is important.  
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While the conventional wisdom condemns it as an environmental nightmare, Manhattan is by far the greenest place in America, argues this stimulating eco-urbanist manifesto. According to Owen (Sheetrock and Shellac), staff writer at the New Yorker, New York City is a model of sustainability: its extreme density and compactness and horrifically congested traffic encourage a carfree lifestyle centered on walking and public transit; its massive apartment buildings use the heat escaping from one dwelling to warm the ones adjoining it; as a result, he notes, New Yorkers' per capita greenhouse gas emissions are less than a third of the average American's. The author attacks the "powerful anti-urban bias of American environmentalists" like Michael Pollan and Amory Lovins, whose rurally situated, auto-dependent Rocky Mountain Institute he paints as an ecological disaster area. The environmental movement's disdain for cities and fetishization of open space, backyard compost heaps, locavorism and high-tech gadgetry like solar panels and triple-paned windows is, he warns, a formula for wasteful sprawl and green-washed consumerism. Owen's lucid, biting prose crackles with striking facts that yield paradigm-shifting insights. The result is a compelling analysis of the world's environmental predicament that upends orthodox opinion and points the way to practical solutions. (Sept.)

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David Anthony Llewellyn Owen, Baron Owen CH PC FKC (born 2 July 1938) is a British politician and Chancellor of the University of Liverpool.

He was one of the founders of the British Social Democratic Party (SDP). He led the SDP from 1983 to 1987 and the re-formed SDP from 1988 to 1990. He is also known for becoming the youngest person in over forty years to hold the post of British Foreign Secretary (from 1977 to 1979) and as one of the authors of the failed Vance-Owen and Owen-Stoltenberg peace plans offered during the Bosnian War. He has been a controversial figure for much of his career, inspiring great devotion among close followers but also disaffection due to perceived arrogance. He sits in the House of Lords as a crossbencher.

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## 评论

非常有趣且很有说服力的视角

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作者无法用自己生娃后搬到康州乡下论证纽约比乡下好，而不是继续住在700尺的公寓里养娃，公交买菜

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## 书评

企鹅的书每次拿到都很开心。今天早饭后读了两页。

书中说纽约其实是个很环保的城市。由于人均占地面积小，大型家电和汽车都不多。

人们往往选择公交、自行车或者直接步行。

住在远郊，印象中自然环保，可事实上却更浪费。

因为交通无法借助规模优势，每家用三台私车。生活...

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被书名吸引。之前看过The Farm City。如果能够看完这本书，算是丰富了绿色化城市的阅读经验吧~

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