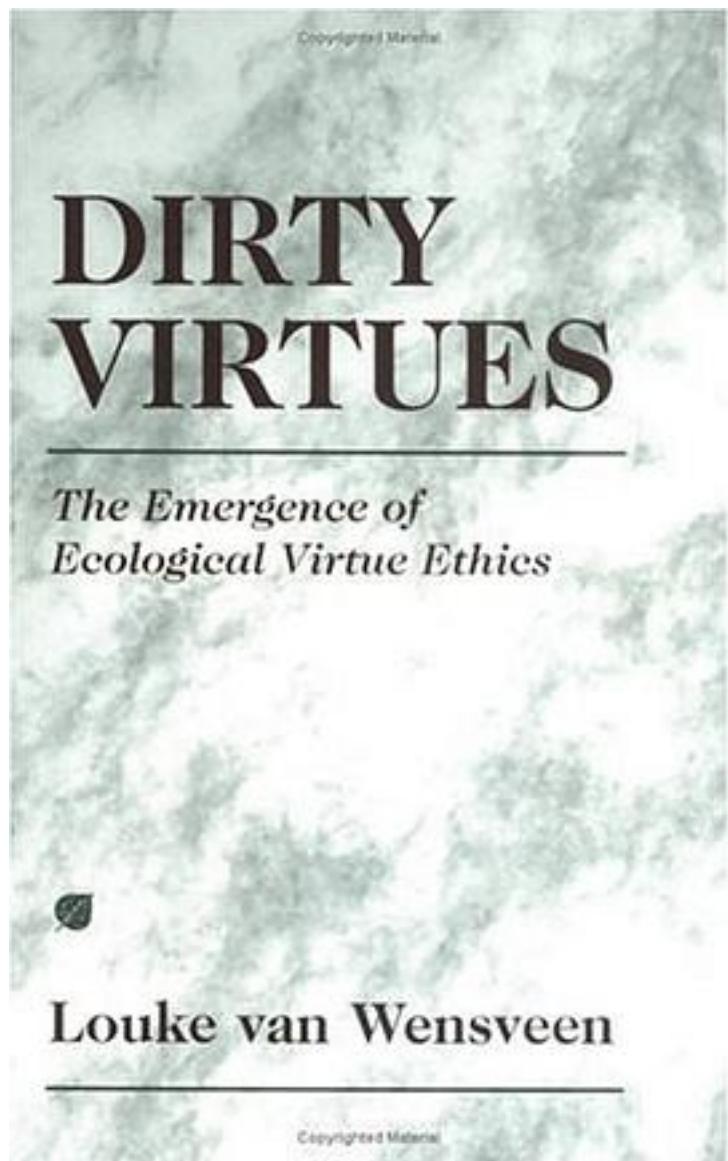


# Dirty Virtues



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This is the first extensive study of ecological virtue ethics and the new rhetoric of environmentalists. Based on a wide-ranging survey of environmental literature, Louke van Wensveen offers an overview of current 'green' virtue language and proposes the basic elements of a matching ecological virtue theory, dubbed 'dirty virtues' by ecological philosophers. Environmental ethics is not exhausted by debates about the need to preserve rivers, our duties to bio-regions, and the intrinsic value of non-human nature; rather, eco-literature also contains a rich virtue language. Highlighting the integrity, diversity, internal tensions, dynamism, and visionary character of this ecological virtue language, the author shows both its historical roots and innovative features. Van Wensveen illustrates a widespread awareness of attitudes and habits that help or harm our relations with the non-human world. She includes a unique catalogue of 189 virtues and 174 vices that mark the vision and praxis of people committed to ecological flourishing. The second part presents carefully crafted criteria to help discern genuine virtue and vice in an ecological age. Her arguments are distinguished by a critical balance of moral sources, including Aristotelian virtue theory, Christian tradition, women's experiences, psychological theory, and metaphorical representations of non-human nature. Methodologically innovative and boldly interdisciplinary, "Dirty Virtues" will challenge and inspire virtue theorists, as well as environmental ethicists and theologians.

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