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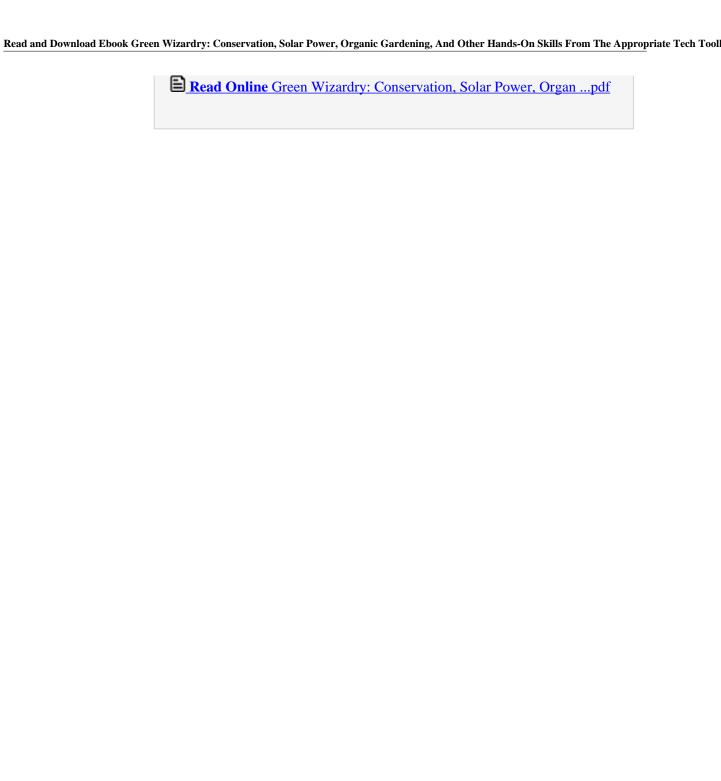
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This is book is part nostalgic trip through what once could have been, and could have saved us, before we decided to go all in on unbounded economic growth and endless militarism, and part survival guide which, now that the results of this bout of folly are coming in, can allow families and communities to cut their burn rate in comfort and style. And it also lays out the foundations of a very useful and very necessary vocation to which all of us, young and old can aspire: Green Wizardry.

--- Dmitry Orlov, author of Reinventing Collapse and The Five Stages of Collapse

Just as someone starting a business would get a book on business planning, this is the book for planning a greener life. Rather than being split into chapters, Green Wizardry is split into 36 lessons, each with an exercise at the end, where you are challenged to apply your new-found knowledge to your own life or delve more deeply into a subject. If there were a class on green living, this would be the ideal text!

---Deborah Niemann, author of Homegrown and Handmade, Ecothrifty, and Raising Goats Naturally

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