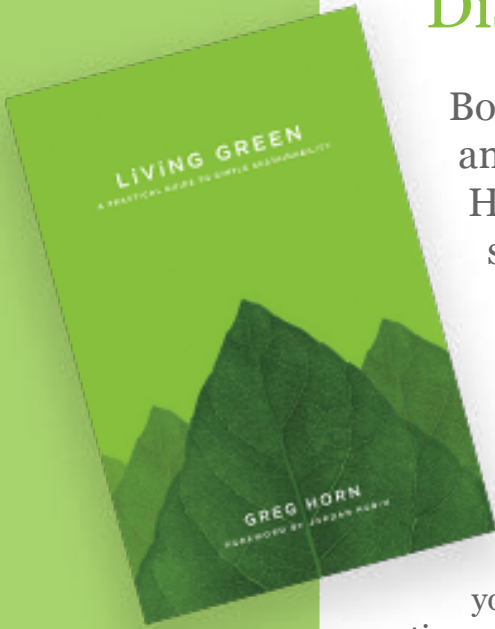


Discussion Questions



Book clubs and discussion groups are sharing insights and opinions on *Living Green* all over the world.

Here are some suggested questions to get the discussion started:

1. What did you know about the idea of sustainability prior to reading this book? How has this book changed or enhanced your view of the subject?
2. Has reading this book altered your opinion of your ability to live a greener, more sustainable life? Do you feel compelled to take any of the actions suggested? Which sustainable steps do you feel will be easily incorporated into your life? Which suggestions will you find too cumbersome or difficult to act upon?
3. Do you fit within the group Horn refers to as participating in the “sustainability revolution?” Do you believe, as he does, that for many people ‘green’ is the most critical issue facing our society? Did reading this book change your opinion on the importance of the green movement or in your role within that movement?
4. Did this book convince you that small changes in lifestyle can really make a difference in the health of our planet? Did you find the inclusion of Sustainable Steps helpful in clarifying the practical actions you can take to get started with a greener lifestyle?
5. What steps toward sustainability from the book will you incorporate into your own life? What tips made you want to take action, and why?
6. Did certain parts of this book make you uncomfortable? If so, why did you feel this way? Did this feeling lead to a new understanding or awareness of some aspect of your life you might not have thought about before?
7. What did you find surprising about the facts introduced in this book?
8. Where is the author too extreme in his recommendations? Where did you find that he was too simplistic?
9. Did the book give you the tools necessary to enact change? Will you invest additional time learning about green living by utilizing the Resource and Product Guide provided? Will you visit the websites listed for more information?
10. Did reading this book make you more or less hopeful about the future of our global environment?

11. What are the hurdles you experience in living a greener life? Which of these hurdles do you view as worth addressing, and how will you do so?
12. Given the stakes, what is keeping sustainability from becoming the central political and social issue of our time?
13. Do you find the data and assertions of the author credible and accurate? If so, what stylistic elements or features of his presentation helped you to form this opinion? If not, what elements of his writing caused you to doubt the veracity of his conclusions?
14. Did the Hero Profiles and Personal Stories enhance or detract from the message of the book? Why?
15. What, if any, responsibility do you feel toward future generations? Why do you feel a responsibility to people you will never meet? Is it possible to consider seven generations ahead in our thinking, given the pace of modern society?
16. How does the concept of sustainability fit into your moral or ethical framework, if at all?
17. In what ways do you think technology will help or hinder progress for a more sustainable future? How does your opinion vary when thinking about the industrialized versus the non-industrialized world?
18. What role will consumer demand for sustainable goods and services play in advancing the “green revolution”? What premium, if any, are you willing to pay for more sustainable products?
19. Why are sustainability issues playing a larger role in local, national and world politics? Is this a political “fad”, or part of a more permanent shift in public discourse?
20. Do you agree with the author’s assertion that living a greener lifestyle is patriotic? If so, what facets of sustainability most are most closely linked with patriotism?