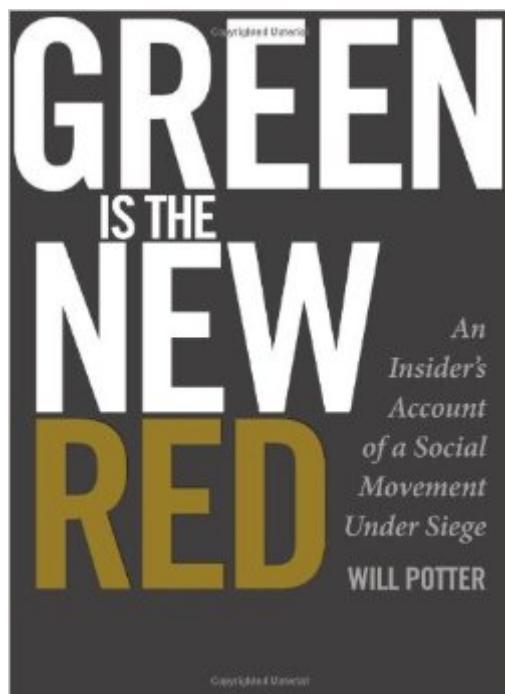


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Synopsis

At a time when everyone is going green, most people are unaware that the FBI is using anti-terrorism resources to target environmentalists. Here is a guided tour into an underground world of radical activism and an introduction to the shadowy figures behind the headlines. But here also is the story of how everyday people are prevented from speaking up for what they believe in. Like the Red Scare, this "Green Scare" is about fear and intimidation, and Will Potter outlines the political, legal, and public relations strategies that threaten even acts of nonviolent civil disobedience with the label of "eco-terrorism."

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Honestly, I have never been interested in politics - it always seemed like a mix of money, power and hypocrisy and I suppose I didn't understand how it really affected me personally. Well, I was right on one count but boy, does it affect me! I started learning on the web site "Green is the New Red" about how animal/environmental activism is being perverted by the government and labeled as terrorist activity and so when Will Potter's book came out, I bought it right away. Once I picked it up, I didn't put it down until I was finished. Will Potter examines the history of animal/environmental activism and how it has been received in the eyes of the law, politics, big business and the federal administrations. Throughout the book, Potter tells the frightening tales of activists who were arrested and charged with terrorism for actions that should have fallen under their constitutional rights of free

speech and non-violent civil protest. If you have ever gone to a protest, handed out a leaflet or shared your beliefs on a web site, you can't help but be scared (or terrorized, for a better word) that you too could find yourself in the same shackles as these political victims. Don't think for a second (as I did) that you might be bored reading a book about the law and politics. Potter's writing style is fluid, dynamic and you find yourself flowing through the pages, swept up in the stories, and shocked by what you learn about how bills get passed into law and how people trying to improve the world get scapegoated and persecuted. Mixed into the history and policy is intrigue, suspense, heartbreak, and shock. The book grabs you from the first page and doesn't let go even after you finish the book. It is a thriller of the worst kind because it is real.

From Press Action:[...]The American Civil Liberties Union did not oppose the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act. Let me repeat that: the American Civil Liberties Union did not oppose the heinous Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act when the legislation was getting rammed through Congress in late 2006. When I was reminded of that fact while reading Will Potter's new book, *Green Is The New Red: An Insider's Account of a Social Movement Under Siege*, I had to take a deep breath and tell myself that the ACLU is a mainstream organization that worries too much about sustaining its ability to raise funds and often backs away from staunchly defending civil liberties, the principle on which it supposedly was founded. Let me explain why the ACLU and all freedom-loving people should have publicly and actively opposed AETA. Well, I'll let Potter, an expert on AETA, explain why the ACLU should have opposed the bill. Testifying before the U.S. House Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security in May 2006, Potter stated: "Public fears of terrorism since the tragedy of September 11th should not be exploited to push a political agenda. I urge you to reject this bill and ensure that limited antiterrorism resources are used to protect national security and human life, not profits." AETA was a new version of the Animal Enterprise Protection Act of 1992, legislation that gave birth to the so-called crime of "animal enterprise terrorism." AETA amplified AEPA by extending the range of legal prosecution of activists, updating the law to cover Internet protest campaigns, and enforcing stiffer penalties for "terrorist" actions.

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