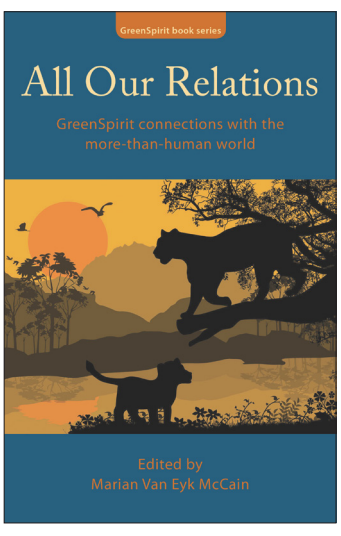
ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS



David Abram is a cultural ecologist and environmental philosopher who lectures and teaches widely on several continents. Named by the Utne Reader as one of one hundred visionaries transforming the world, he is a Director of the Alliance for Wild Ethics and the author of *The Spell of the Sensuous* (Vintage Books, 1997) and *Becoming Animal* (Pantheon, 2010). He is also an accomplished storyteller and a sleight-of-hand magician and has lived and traded magic with indigenous medicine persons in Asia and the Americas.

Clea Danaan is the international, award winning author of green spirituality titles such as Sacred Land, Voices of the Earth, and Zen and the Art of Raising Chickens: The Way of Hen. She gardens, homeschools, and writes from Colorado, USA.

Franziska Holmes, who died in 2006, was a Chartered Physiotherapist who qualified in Germany and worked in hospitals before going into private practice, eventually including animals in her work, which evolved to craniosacral physiotherapy. She taught at postgraduate level for over 15 years and was a past chairman of the Craniosacral Therapy Association of Chartered Physiotherapists and also a member of the Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Energy Medicine.

Helen Moore is an ecopoet, Forest Schools practitioner and community artist/activist based in Somerset. Her debut collection, *Hedge Fund, And Other Living Margins*, was published in 2012 by Shearsman Books.

Eleanor O'Hanlon has a degree in German and French language and literature from Trinity College, Dublin. She was a communications co-ordinator for Greenpeace International, and her work took to remote parts of the Russian Arctic. She left Greenpeace for another leading environmental group—the Environmental Investigation Agency, known for groundbreaking, undercover investigations into the illegal trade in endangered species, such as the trade in elephant ivory. She was featured as on-screen investigator in the award-winning ITV/Discovery Channel series Animal Detectives, which exposed the illegal trade in wildlife around the world.

As a writer, Eleanor has collaborated with some of the world's outstanding photographers of wildlife and wilderness. Her articles on wildlife and conservation have appeared in magazines such as BBC Wildlife in the UK, Animan in France and Switzerland, Nature's Best in the US as well as live webcasts bringing together nature photographers and writers for the protection of wilderness. *Eyes of the Wild* (Earth Books, 2012) is her first book.

Kathleen Martin is a retired university professor and a developing gourd artist. She loves the world of ideas, her tools, hiking in beautiful places, and growing things. She is a grandmother of three, mother of two sons, partnered to a wonderful man for many years, and a never-too-old environmental activist. She shares a photojournal blog with three wonderful forever-friends.

Marian Van Eyk McCain is a retired psychologist and the author of seven books. She edited the anthology *GreenSpirit: Path to a New Consciousness* (Earth Books, 2010) and is also co-editor of the GreenSpirit Magazine, a free-lance writer, book reviewer, columnist and blogger.

Sky McCain is an American citizen living in the south-west of England. He likes walking, playing the trombone in his local brass band, and visiting his favourite parts of southern Europe. He has also been involved in 'green' activism in the local community and was the founder of the Wholesome Food Association, an organization that champions local food.
Sky graduated with a BA in History from Boston College in the US and has an MA in Values in the Environment from Lancaster University, UK. He has had a lifetime interest in religion and spirituality, starting with Christianity and continuing with Buddhism and Advaita Vedanta. He has recently focused his attention on Gaia Theory, climate change, and the relationship between science and spirituality.

Susan Meeker-Lowry is a writer, herbalist and organic gardener. She is the author of *Economics as if the Earth Really Mattered* (1988) and *Invested in the Common Good* (1995)—both from New Society Publishers—and numerous articles. She lives in Maine, USA, where for many years she published a newsletter, 'Gaian Voices: Earth Spirit, Earth Action, Earth Stories.' Currently, Susan makes herbal body care products which she sells through her home-based business, Gaia's Garden Herbals.

Dr Rupert Sheldrake is a biologist and author of more than 75 technical papers and several books, his most recent books being *The Science Delusion* (*Science Set Free* in the USA) published by Coronet in 2012 and a new, 2013 edition of The Sense of Being Stared At which was originally published by Arrow in 2004. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Noetic Sciences and visiting Professor of Holistic Science at the Wisdom University, both in California, and is the Perrott-Warrick Research Scholar, funded by Trinity College, Cambridge. He lives in London.

Stephanie Sorrell lives in West Cumbria where she writes and works as a clinical support worker in a local hospital. She has an MA in Psychosynthesis Psychology. Her latest book *The Therapist's Cat* is, on one level, an amusing and romantic fictional story, but on another level holds moral undertones of how our mistreatment of animals can impact on us at a later date.

Suzannah Stacey is a veterinary surgeon (a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons) and a qualified veterinary acupuncturist. Even after treating animals with acupuncture for many years it never ceases to surprise her just how profound an effect this type of treatment can have on a patient's quality of life. She feels that she will always be learning about this subject for there is an endless amount to learn and such a lot that animals can teach us.

Susan offers veterinary acupuncture in all species; the majority of patients being dogs or horses. She is careful to minimise her charges, as she feels it is a treatment that should be open to all. To make this possible she uses other vets' or therapists' premises for her appointments, or does home visits if this would suit the patient more. And since she lives simply, she is happy to charge just what is necessary to cover her bills. Suzannah may be reached at the Veterinary Acupuncture Referral Centre in West Sussex.

Hilary Wilmshurst first found affinity with some of 'All Our Relations' while growing up in the wonderful wildness of rural Dumfriesshire; on holiday, also, on the Northumbrian coast where she exulted in bumpy, battered-taxi rides across the sands to Lindisfarne (pre-causeway), and boat trips to the Farne Islands. She has been guided by the gifts of her power animals throughout a life of teaching, counselling, mentoring and parenting—a life enriched for many years by support, challenge and development in a peer Transpersonal Learning Community. She now lives on the N. Yorkshire coast which inspires her to walk, photograph and pen a poem or two where, amongst others, porpoises and peregrines people her world.