



## ABOUT THE AUTHORS

(Authors are listed in chronological order by their birth date).

**1. JOHN MUIR**, born in 1838 in Scotland. He explored and wrote about wild places from Alaska to South America. Muir's chief love became Yosemite Valley, and his effort to preserve it led to the founding of the Sierra Club.

**2. GIFFORD PINCHOT**, born in 1865 in Connecticut, was one of America's leading advocates of environmental conservation. He founded the United States Forest Service and served as Chief Forester for President Theodore Roosevelt.

**3. ALDO LEOPOLD**, born in 1888 in Iowa, was a forester. Later he became a professor of wildlife management at University of Wisconsin. Leopold is known for his essays about nature.

**4. RACHEL CARSON**, born in 1907 in Pennsylvania, was trained as a marine biologist and pursued careers in both commercial fisheries and writing. Carson is well known for her work in which she documents the harmful effects of pesticides to the environment.

**5. WANGARI MAATHAI**, born in 1940 in Nyeri, Kenya won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004. In 1971 she received a Ph. D., effectively becoming the first woman in either East or Central Africa to earn a doctorate. She is an environmental activist as well as a women's rights activist.

**6. KEN SARO-WIWA**, born in 1941 in Nigeria was an author, television producer, environmental activist, and winner of the Right Livelihood award in 1994 and the Goldman Environmental Prize. He was known for being a nonviolent, outspoken critic of the Nigerian government's environmental policies.

**7. WILL STEGER**, born in 1944 in Minnesota, is a prominent spokesperson for the understanding and preservation of the Arctic, and the Earth. He is best known for his legendary polar explorations which have earned him the Lifetime Achievement Award from National Geographic in 2007.

**8. VANDANA SHIVA**, born in 1952 in India, has written over 20 books. She is a philosopher, environmental activist, author, and eco feminist. Shiva has received many awards for her work including the Right Livelihood Award in 1993 and the Sydney Peace Prize in 2010.

**9. JANISSE RAY**, born in 1962 in Georgia is an American Writer, a naturalist, and an environmental activist. She is the award winning author of five books of literary nonfiction and a collection of nature poetry.

