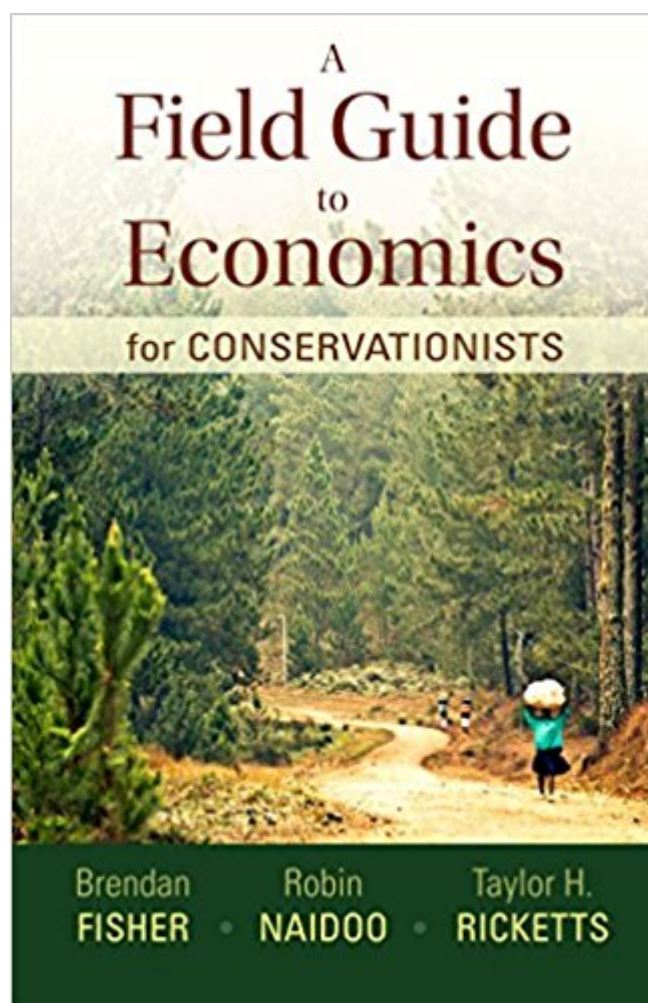


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This book is not only full of great, clearly presented information that ecologists and conservation biologists (such as myself) can use to increase the impact of our work... but will also make you laugh out loud while reading and learning. I would highly recommend this book to anyone interested in using economic tools to translate natural sciences research into real-world metrics that matter to regular people, society and policy makers... or to just understand the burgeoning field of environmental economics better. Plus, the authors are poor starving academics who could probably use the extra cash- after all, they studied economics in grad school but then didn't go into the corporate world- so a purchase is just helping them make up some of that lost opportunity cost.

Very concise and well-written field guide for introductory education in ecological economics.

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