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Leopold was a renowned conservationist and educator who devoted his life to preservation of the natural environment. His classic work, *Sand County Almanac* (1949; Oxford Univ. Pr., 1989. pap.), is still used as the conservationists' bible. Flader and Callicott have compiled a collection of Leopold's unpublished essays from the archives of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and published papers from a variety of periodicals covering the years 1904-47. The chronological arrangement of the 59 essays reveals the development of Leopold's beliefs over time. A short introduction describing the circumstances in which it was written and the intended audience precedes each essay. A biographical chronology and the introduction trace Leopold's life. Recommended for environmental collections.

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Review

"Aldo Leopold was a rare and wonderful combination of prophet, professor, civil servant, and muddy-boot lover of the land. Like Henry David Thoreau and John Muir, his heart was in the forest and the field, and his best-known work, *A Sand County Almanac*, has rightly been compared in soul and spirit to their writings. But unlike Thoreau and Muir, Leopold also spent a lifetime in the suit-and-tie world of government and academia. He led the way in propelling the United States conservation movement from garden and shooting clubs to government agencies and legislatures, and was perhaps the first person to fully perceive the importance of a new scientific discipline—ecology—that half a century later would have profound political impact. . . . Now, two Leopold experts have gathered together 59 essays to show the breadth and depth of his thinking and above all his intellectual development. . . . Flader and Callicott have done an excellent job of giving public voice to a pioneer environmentalist."—Brad Knickerbocker, *Christian Science Monitor*

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