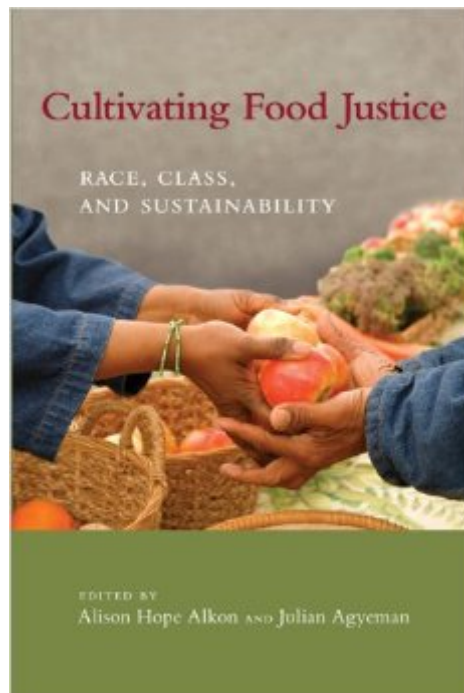


The book was found

# Cultivating Food Justice: Race, Class, And Sustainability (Food, Health, And The Environment)



## Synopsis

Popularized by such best-selling authors as Michael Pollan, Barbara Kingsolver, and Eric Schlosser, a growing food movement urges us to support sustainable agriculture by eating fresh food produced on local family farms. But many low-income neighborhoods and communities of color have been systematically deprived of access to healthy and sustainable food. These communities have been actively prevented from producing their own food and often live in "food deserts" where fast food is more common than fresh food. *Cultivating Food Justice* describes their efforts to envision and create environmentally sustainable and socially just alternatives to the food system. Bringing together insights from studies of environmental justice, sustainable agriculture, critical race theory, and food studies, *Cultivating Food Justice* highlights the ways race and class inequalities permeate the food system, from production to distribution to consumption. The studies offered in the book explore a range of important issues, including agricultural and land use policies that systematically disadvantage Native American, African American, Latino/a, and Asian American farmers and farmworkers; access problems in both urban and rural areas; efforts to create sustainable local food systems in low-income communities of color; and future directions for the food justice movement. These diverse accounts of the relationships among food, environmentalism, justice, race, and identity will help guide efforts to achieve a just and sustainable agriculture.

## Book Information

Series: Food, Health, and the Environment

Paperback: 408 pages

Publisher: The MIT Press; 50644th edition (October 21, 2011)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0262516322

ISBN-13: 978-0262516327

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.8 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.2 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.1 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (7 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #158,218 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #98 in [Books > Business & Money](#) > [Industries > Agriculture](#) #113 in [Books > Science & Math > Agricultural Sciences > Sustainable Agriculture](#) #218 in [Books > Engineering & Transportation > Engineering > Civil & Environmental > Environmental](#)

## Customer Reviews

Alkon and Agyeman have done a masterful job compiling the chapters that make up *Cultivating Food Justice: Race, Class, and Sustainability*. Although there have been a smattering of articles employing the "food justice" concept over the past five years, it was not until last year that Gottlieb and Joshi published the book *Food Justice*, also on MIT Press. *Cultivating Food Justice* builds off of this book by providing a critical exposition that attends to positionality within the agrifood system, and helps to expand our understanding of food justice by linking race, class, and gender at multiple scales, often blurring boundaries between spaces and experiences of production and consumption. As Alkon and Agyeman note in the Introduction, this book "help(s) to nurture fertile soil in which a polyculture of approaches to just and sustainable agriculture can thrive. The book is organized in three parts. The first part, "The Production of Unequal Access" investigates the way that racialized systems of exclusion interact with capitalism to create not only food insecurity and hunger, but inequality in who gets to own, control, and grow food on land throughout the United States. For example, in the chapter by Norgaard, Reed, and Van Herten, they explore the racialized environmental history that produced hunger in the Karuk community: "outright genocide, lack of recognition of land occupation and title, and forced assimilation." Minkoff Zern, Peluso, Sowerwine, and Getz also contribute to food justice scholarship with their concept of agricultural racial formations. They explore how Chinese, Japanese, and Hmong farmers' dispossession of their lands is racialized either explicitly or implicitly through a set of laws, policies, or practices that impact specific Asian American groups.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

*Cultivating Food Justice: Race, Class, and Sustainability* (Food, Health, and the Environment)  
*Cultivating Edible Fungi: International Symposium on Scientific and Technical Aspects of Cultivating Edible Fungi* (Developments in Crop Science) *Innovations in Sustainability: Fuel and Food* (Organizations and the Natural Environment) *Vindicating the Founders: Race, Sex, Class, and Justice in the Origins of America* *Health Disparities in the United States: Social Class, Race, Ethnicity, and Health* *The Bridge at the Edge of the World: Capitalism, the Environment, and Crossing from Crisis to Sustainability* *Wiley CPAexcel Exam Review 2015 Study Guide* (January): *Business Environment and Concepts* (Wiley Cpa Exam Review *Business Environment & Concepts*) *Wiley CPAexcel Exam Review Spring 2014 Study Guide: Business Environment and Concepts* (Wiley Cpa Exam Review *Business Environment & Concepts*) *Wiley CPAexcel Exam Review 2016 Study Guide January: Business Environment and Concepts* (Wiley Cpa Exam Review *Business Environment & Concepts*) *The Everything Kids' Environment Book: Learn how you can help the environment-by getting involved at school, at home, or at play* *More Than Just Food: Food Justice*

and Community Change (California Studies in Food and Culture) On Care for Our Common Home, Laudato Si': The Encyclical of Pope Francis on the Environment with Commentary by Sean McDonagh (Ecology & Justice) On Care for Our Common Home, Laudato Si': The Encyclical of Pope Francis on the Environment (Ecology & Justice) The Food Service Professional Guide to Controlling Restaurant & Food Service Food Costs (The Food Service Professional Guide to, 6) (The Food Service Professionals Guide To) Ethical Dilemmas and Decisions in Criminal Justice (Ethics in Crime and Justice) Justice League Vol. 8: Darkseid War Part 2 (Jla (Justice League of America)) Real Justice: Guilty of Being Weird: The story of Guy Paul Morin (Lorimer Real Justice) Secret Justice: Judge Willa Carson Thriller, The Hunt for Justice Series, Book 3 Justice League Vol. 7: Darkseid War Part 1 (Jla (Justice League of America)) Justice League Dark Vol. 1: In the Dark (The New 52) (Jla (Justice League of America))

[Dmca](#)