



Praise

This book is full of inspirational stories about the next generation of leaders who are passionate about our environment and oceans. Protecting our oceans, and in turn our planet, is going to require passionate leaders like these who are willing to take action. I hope that they will encourage all of us to consider what needs to be done to create a more sustainable world.

Dr. Tobias Stapleton, Blue Innovation Symposium

These young people in the book are the decision makers of tomorrow. Kids are poised to make better decisions than we have based on massive diverse amounts of information they receive daily. They remind me of ocean sponges filtering huge amounts of water cleaning the ocean. Kids thrive making a difference doing exactly what they are inspired to do. Our children elevate us all to higher levels of compassion and understanding. Reading the stories in this book, I'm reminded that we must watch, listen closely and learn from them, as they have from us.

Jean-Michel Cousteau, Our Future Society

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute is continuing the legacy of past environmentalists by fostering youth leadership throughout the world. Launching the "Green Revolution" from a grassroots base will be integral to future policymaking; it is up to these youth delegates to lead this movement. With a focus on sustainable building, sustainable economics, cultural sustainability, and sustainable agriculture, this year's Sustainability Summit will continue to tackle the most difficult problems our world community faces. Use this Summit as a tool to help hone your already-budding leadership qualities into a strength that can help you connect with people from all walks of life.

John Kerry

U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate

Your dedication, compassion, and care for the island communities you work with is greatly appreciated and your efforts have not gone unnoticed. The work you have done for sustainable development across the globe is a valuable contribution to the future of our environment.

U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, Massachusetts

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's work of inspiring, educating, and empowering young people to take initiative in their communities is a critical step in ensuring the success and longevity of our oceans, island sustainability and our planet. **Joe Kennedy, The Groundwork Project**

So impressive and moving! A perfect book for these difficult times, a tremendous gift to the world. Your story makes it more special, weaving tender intergenerational inspiration. You have put it together in a way that is really powerful. Love embraces justice.

Felicia Davis, HBCU Green Fund

It is the voice and leadership of these young people in this book that will make the ultimate difference. For it is their future.

Chip Comins, American Renewable Energy Institute (AREI)

Stone Soup for a Sustainable World: Life-changing Stories of Young Heroes is a thought-provoking tour of the planet and those who make a difference. Writer, Marianne Larned, carries the reader to the heart of spirited ideas and action.

Randy Hayes, Rainforest Action Network

Young people have been at the forefront of social change across the globe and throughout history, including today and here in the climate justice movement. I learn so much from so many of the leaders celebrated in Stone Soup—their creativity, courage, and spirit to get it done without compromising joy—that I apply in my work, leadership, and parenting of daughters growing up with so many powerful models for expressing their leadership in life.

Sarah Shanley Hope, The Solutions Project

When all seems lost, reading these stories of young people who are searching for and finding solutions makes the world a little brighter. Our planet is in good hands under the stewardship of these young leaders, and if we listen to their advice, we can help heal this world.

Dr. Sarah Oktay, Chemical Oceanographer/Field Station Director

It takes courage to face the prospect of a long future with eyes wide open—given projections for how much change the planet will see in a young person’s lifetime. How inspiring it is to read these stories of young people acting to reconcile humanity with nature—and to do it from a place not of anger, as one notes, but of love. This book offers a balm for readers of all ages at a needed time.

Robert Engelman, Worldwatch Institute

Every story in this book is an inspiration, and motivates me to redouble my efforts to help in the quest to save humanity—and the Earth—from ourselves.

Erik Assadourian, Worldwatch Institute

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Virtual Education Toolkit and courses based on the book, Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes is a treasure. It gives educators a powerful way to engage students through real-life stories with meaningful lessons that address the importance of SEL (social-emotional learning) values of caring for ourselves, others, and for the community. The Institute's noble work with students, teachers, and schools reminds me of how we created one of the nation's first SEL curriculum and founded two schools with SEL as a central pillar. We worked alongside educators, political and business leaders, and a group of Nobel Laureates to reflect on the educational needs of our society. We decided that the central foundation of a school is beyond students' knowledge. We must give them an opportunity to think, act, and lay the foundation for life-long learning. The Institute's curriculum and online courses gives teachers the tools they need to bring SEL into their classrooms. I encourage everyone who cares about our children, their future, and ours to bring these tools into our schools.

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