

**A Typewriter,
Four Books,
and An Atlas:**

**On Technology, Reciprocity,
and Relations**

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**Democracy May Not Exist
But We'll Miss it When It's Gone**

Astra Taylor

On Artificial Intelligence & History

PATTERNS

anti-patterns

On Democracy & Governance

RIGHTS

responsibilities

“It is easy for me to imagine that the next great division of the world will be between people who wish to live as creatures and people who wish to live as machines.”

— Wendell Berry, *Life is a Miracle: An Essay Against Modern Superstition*

A Typewriter,
Four Books,
An Atlas:

Speed & Scale
Experts & Rationality
Consumerism & Efficiency

Protecting democracy as a cultural practice

**Understanding impacts of technology on
democratic practice**

“In general, technical arrangements reduce or eliminate reciprocity.”

**Ursula M. Franklin,
The Real World of Technology, 1989**



Chat GPT

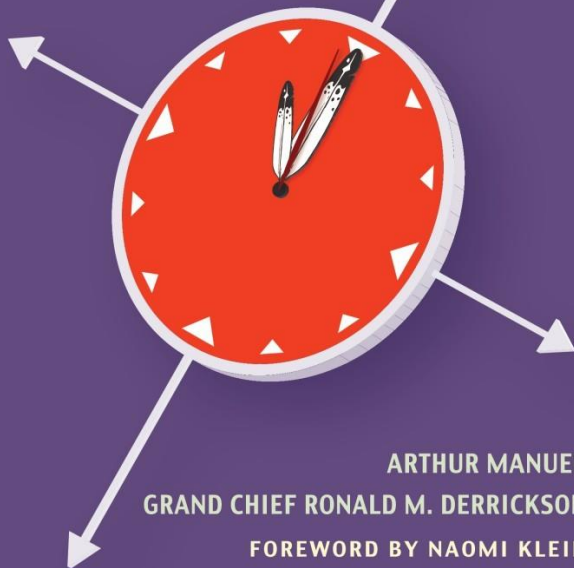
Writing is thinking

NATIONAL BESTSELLER

UNSETTLING CANADA

A NATIONAL WAKE-UP CALL

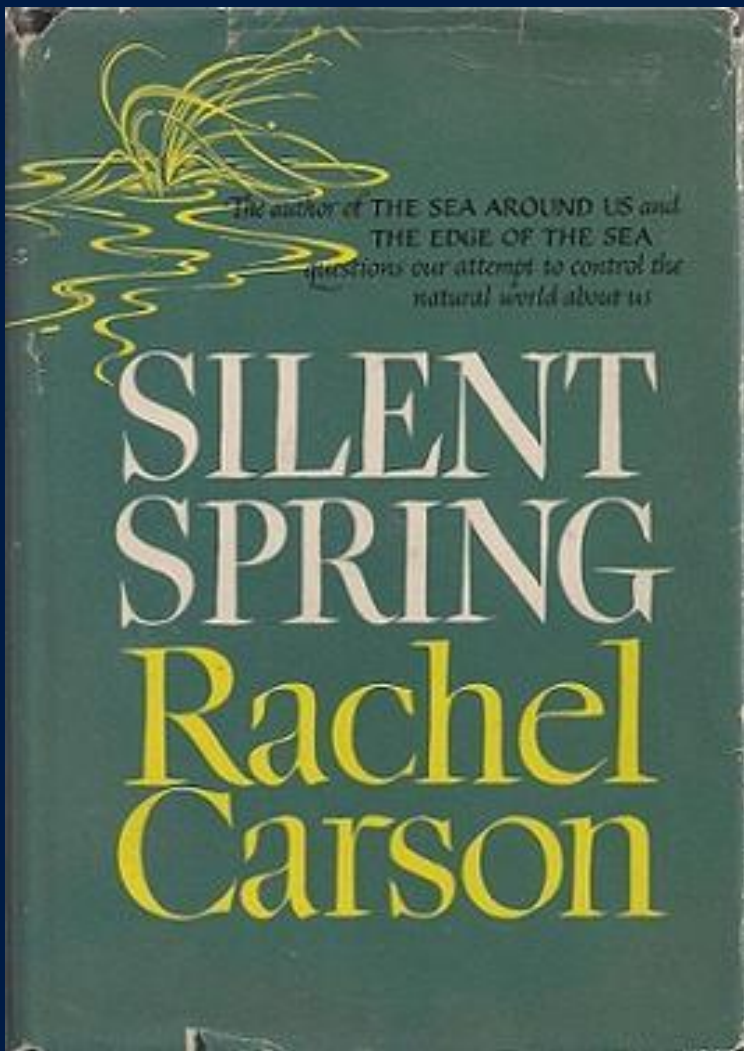
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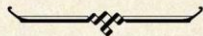
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FOREWORD BY NAOMI KLEIN



The author of *THE SEA AROUND US* and
THE EDGE OF THE SEA
questions our attempt to control the
natural world about us

SILENT
SPRING
Rachel
Carson



*"An ambitious meditation on modern culture...
a rich, rewarding, highly original book that casts a fresh
perspective on all aspects of our public life."*

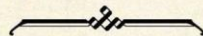
— CAMILLE PAGLIA

VOLTAIRE'S BASTARDS

THE DICTATORSHIP *of*
REASON *in the* WEST



JOHN RALSTON SAUL

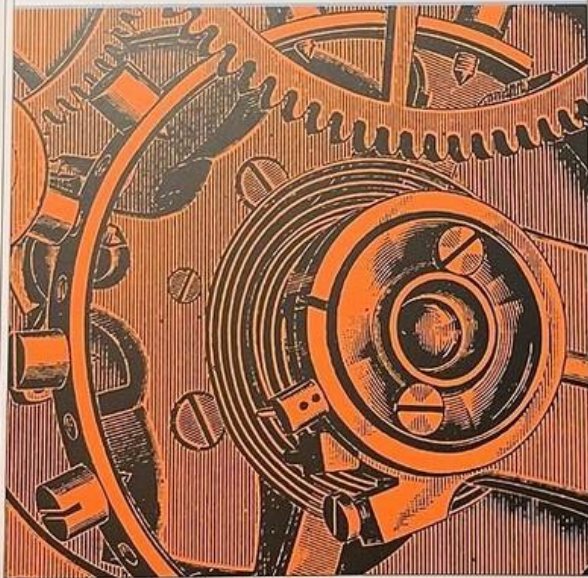


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THE REAL WORLD OF
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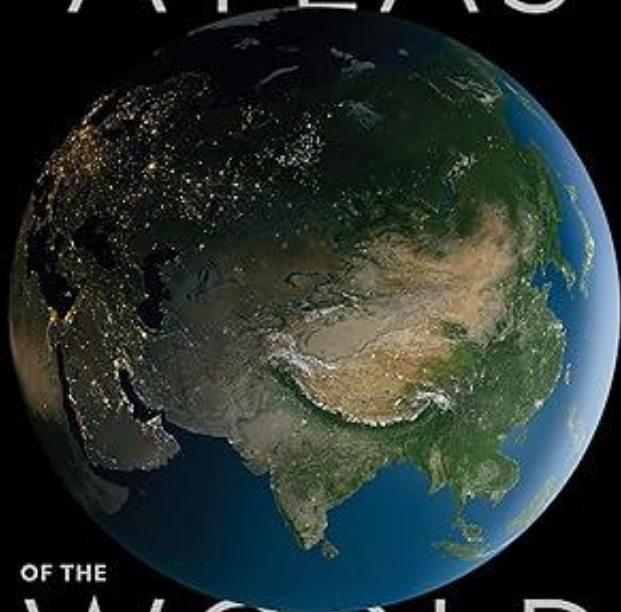
Ursula M. Franklin

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NATIONAL
GEOGRAPHIC

ATLAS



OF THE

WORLD

ELEVENTH EDITION

**No such thing as society
(Thatcher, 1987)**

Life in Markets

Life as an Individual

Technology as a Consumer

Convenience culture elevates the individual above the collective

Collaborative culture expects inefficiencies and friction

Speed & Efficiency
Rationality & Experts
Consumerism

**Together these can engender a world
of compliance and control**

Authoritarianism

Slowness & Inefficiency
Non-Rationality & Publics
Civic and Citizen and Resident

**Together these can engender a world
of freedom and pluralism**

Democracy

Thank You

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