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# The Time Of The Force Majeure: After 45 Years Counterforce Is On The Horizon



## Synopsis

This book offers a 21st-century manifesto from the pioneers of the eco-art movement. Since the 1970s Helen and Newton Harrison have been creating art inspired by the earth. They established a worldwide network among biologists, ecologists, architects, urban planners, politicians, and other artists to initiate collaborative dialogues about ideas and solutions which support biodiversity and community development. This definitive survey traces an influential joint career that has lasted nearly half a century. Organized chronologically, it features works from each decade, from their earliest installations to their continent-traversing work of the 1990s; and their most recent works both educating people about global warming and designing large scale responses to the phenomena itself.

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Helen Mayer Harrison and Newton Harrison, known jointly as "The Harrisons," are both distinguished professors retired from the University of California, San Diego. They are currently research professors at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

This book is amazing! This monumental volume offers extraordinary insights into ecology, art, eco-art, global warming, and, of course, the pioneering work of artists Helen Mayer Harrison and Newton Harrison, two of the most important artists of our time. Although it is arranged chronologically, this is not the sort of book that one is likely to read cover to cover; rather you can open it up anywhere and find brilliant, wise, witty, poetic, and inspiring material. Or you can pick a

particular project by the Harrisons and learn about it. The book provides extensive, in-depth documentation of over four decades of the Harrison's artistic research at the intersections of art and science. All of their major projects from The Lagoon Cycle to Peninsula Europe to the Force Majeure works are included. The Book of the Lagoons is reproduced with a useful forward and afterward, recently written by the artists. In addition to extensive texts and hundreds of images by the Harrisons that describe and illustrate their work and process, the book includes essays by leading authors in the field, including Anne Winston Spirn, William L. Fox, Eleanor Heartney, Roger Malina, Paul Mankiewicz & Dorion Sagan, and Anne Douglas & Chris Fremantle. This will remain the authoritative text on the Harrisons and a vital reference work on ecological art for decades. The price on , currently under \$36, is a steal for such a large, lengthy, and beautifully illustrated artist book.

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