

Sarah Tillett (Ed)  
***Caring For Creation - Biblical and theological perspectives***  
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The foreword to this book, by John Stott, says that creation has been a much-neglected biblical topic in evangelical circles. It is good to find that the Bible Reading Fellowship has joined forces with an organisation of which I had never heard, A Rocha, an evangelical group founded in Portugal but now extending to many parts of the world to produce this readable small book.

The chapters are all short and digestible. As you might expect, there are biblical studies of themes, but there are also locally based accounts, such as the detailed account of the Pacific salmon's life cycle and the links it provides between the deep oceans and the coastal forests of Canada. There is an encouraging account of the way in which one project in Kenya has enabled the local people on the fringe of one forest where there are precious habitats for endangered species to see the possibilities of conservation. A Rocha Kenya have stepped in to make education possible for local children who can then take an informed part in the work. There are studies of marshes in the south of France and in the Lebanon, and personal accounts of the way in which people's eyes were opened, for instance during a holiday in the Isles of Scilly. Ghilleen Prance, formerly of Kew and now of the Eden Project, writes on the biblical theme of Wisdom. In fact there is something for everyone.

This theme is one of the most urgent needs of our time, and such original contributions can only do good.

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