

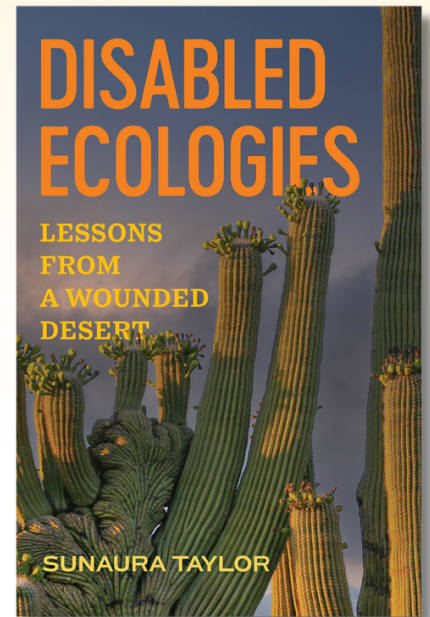
# DISABLED ECOLOGIES:

## LESSONS FROM A WOUNDED DESERT

**A powerful analysis and call to action that reveals disability as one of the defining features of environmental devastation and resistance.**

Deep below the ground in Tucson, Arizona, lies an aquifer forever altered by the detritus of a postwar Superfund site. *Disabled Ecologies: Lessons from a Wounded Desert* tells the story of this contamination and its ripple effects through the largely Mexican American community living above. Drawing on her own complex relationship to this long-ago injured landscape, Sunaura Taylor takes us with her to follow the site's disabled ecology—the networks of disability, both human and wild, that are created when ecosystems are corrupted and profoundly altered.

What Taylor finds is a story of entanglements that reach far beyond the Sonoran Desert. These stories tell of debilitating and sometimes life-ending injuries, but they also map out alternative modes of connection, solidarity, and resistance—an environmentalism of the injured. An original and deeply personal reflection on what disability means in an era of increasing multispecies disablement, *Disabled Ecologies* is a powerful call to reflect on the kinds of care, treatment, and assistance this age of disability requires.



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“By bringing disability into landscape studies--and landscape into disability studies--Taylor adds analytical power to each. The concept of a disabled ecology pulses with the dynamism of contaminated aquifers.”

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“Taylor's is a unique and generous genius. With breath-catching insight and enveloping compassion, she shares a secret of epochal urgency: people living with injury and impairment have much to teach about how to survive, and perhaps even thrive, on an injured and impaired planet.”

— Naomi Klein, author of ‘*Doppelganger*’



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