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H.W. Wilson Announces the Second Edition of *Famous First Facts About the Environment*

Famous First Facts About the Environment was developed along the framework of the *Famous First Facts* series, first published by H.W. Wilson in 1933. Since then, *Famous First Facts* became solidly established as an international reference for “firsts” in the history of diverse fields. In the case of *Famous First Facts About the Environment*, the book reflects the vast range of applications of the environment worldwide; the facts cover events in a wide array of disciplines, such as agriculture, art and culture, demographics, history, law, politics, technology, the sciences, warfare, and much more. As such, what differentiates *Famous First Facts About the Environment* from other worthy environmental works is precisely its scope, rarely found in other reference works on the topic.

Using the popular *Famous First Facts* style, this new second edition adds a significant number of environmental firsts since the first edition was published over 20 years ago, to bring coverage into the twenty-first century. It is the most comprehensive volume of global environmental “firsts” available.

Lately, environmental issues have occupied a salient position in the media due to growing international concern about climate change. The environment, however, has always been important to societies around the world; from the ancient Sumerians and Greeks to the Mayas and many other agriculture-based societies throughout history; to the Renaissance and the moderns, humans have been aware, one way or another, of the importance of the environment. This is reflected to date in the growing number of environmental movements, as well as the search for more efficient and environmentally friendly ways to produce food, housing, and energy, by a great number of groups, organizations, and industries.

Entries in *Famous First Facts About the Environment* are grouped together under main subject categories. The subject categories are arranged alphabetically, starting with **Activist Movements—Animal Rights** and ending with **Zoos, Aquariums and Museums—Planetariums**. When the situation is appropriate, main subject categories are divided into subcategories. These subcategories are also arranged alphabetically. For example, the main category of **Air Pollution** is divided into five subcategories— **Health, Indoor, Legislation and Regulation, Public Opinion, and Research**. A complete list of subject categories and subcategories appears in the Expanded Contents.

Within each main subject category or subcategory, the entries are arranged chronologically. Each entry begins with an introductory phrase in boldface type. This introductory phrase is the entry head, which also acts as a reference point in the indexes.

There are five indexes in the back of this book—**Index by Year, Index by Month and Day, Geographical Index, Personal Name Index, and Subject Index**. This system of indexing eliminates the need for cross referencing within the main text. In addition, it will allow the reader to quickly find specific entries according to subject, date, name, or place. In all five indexes, entries are identified by page number.

Famous First Facts About the Environment includes more than 4,500 entries, organized by main subject heading and helpful subheadings. Within each category or subcategory, entries are arranged chronologically.

Famous First Facts About the Environment traces humanity's increasing concern about the welfare of the environment and chronicles the crucial events in the history of the planet from ancient times to the present. Subject index to make it easy to pinpoint exactly the information your readers need.

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