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George Perkins Marsh (1801-1882) was the first to reveal the menace of environmental misuse, to explain its causes, and to prescribe reforms. This book offers insights, from sources, into Marsh's career and shows his relevance. Product Identifiers. Publisher. University of Washington Press. ISBN-10. 0295983159. David Lowenthal is professor emeritus of geography at University College London. His books include *The Past Is a Foreign Country*, *West Indian Societies*, and *The Heritage Crusade and the Spoils of History*. Country of Publication. United States. Subject. George Perkins Marsh (1801-1882) was the first to reveal the menace of environmental misuse, to explain its causes, and to prescribe reforms. David Lowenthal here offers fresh insights, from new sources, into Marsh's career and shows his relevance today, in a book which has its roots in but wholly supersedes Lowenthal's earlier biography *George Perkins Marsh: Versatile Vermonter* (1958). Marsh's devotion to the repair of nature, to the concerns of working people, to women's rights, and to historical stewardship resonate more than ever. University of Washington Press website. Start your review of *George Perkins Marsh, Prophet of Conservation* (Weyerhaeuser Environmental Book). Write a review. Aug 28, 2013 Janet Biehl rated it it was amazing · review of another edition. George Perkins Marsh was a polymath, and to account for him, his biographer must be proficient in the same vast array of fields. Lowenthal fulfills this mission. He tells us about all Marsh's subjects with seamless ease: deforestation, soil erosion, and desertification; the history of the English language as well as Icelandic; marble quarrying, railroad competition, and Vermont fisheries; natural history and the Smithsonian Institution; international diplomacy, in Istanbul, Greece, and Italy; the topography of the Near East; and collecting both art and natural specimens. 2 editions; First published in 1999; Subjects: Biography, Conservationists, Environmental conditions, Foreign relations, Statesmen; Places: United States; People: George Perkins Marsh (1801-1882); Times: 1861-1865, 1865-1898. Are you sure you want to remove **George Perkins Marsh, prophet of conservation** from your list? There's no description for this book yet. Can you add one? George Perkins Marsh (1801 1882) was the first to reveal the menace of environmental misuse, to explain its causes, and to prescribe reforms. David Lowenthal here offers fresh insights, from new sources, into Marsh's career and shows his relevance today, in a book which has its roots in but wholly supersedes Lowenthal's earlier biography *George Perkins Marsh: Versatile Vermonter* (1958). His Vermont birthplace is now a national park chronicling American conservation, and the crusade he launched is now global. Marsh's seminal book *Man and Nature* is famed for its ecological acumen. The clue to its inception lies in Marsh's many-sided engagement in the life of his time.