



Fibershed

Growing a Movement of Farmers,
Fashion Activists, and Makers for
a New Textile Economy

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A new “farm-to-closet” vision for the clothes we wear-by a leader in the movement for local textile economies

According to recent World Resource Institute data, 20 articles of clothing per person are manufactured each year. Today consumers purchase 60 percent more garments than they did in the year 2000, and each is kept half as long due to the short trend cycles and cheap prices of a multimillion-dollar fashion industry fueled by unjust labor practices. Cotton, which accounts for 33 percent of all fibers found in textiles, represents a quarter of the world’s insecticide use.

These statistics underscore a major disconnect between what we wear every day and our understanding of its impact on the environment, labor, and human health. Weaver and natural dyer Rebecca Burgess spent the last decade reconnecting to her “fibershed”—the region of North Central California containing the materials and people required to make her clothing. This community of ranchers, farmers, and artisans became the first of many fibersheds driven by economic justice and soil restoration. In *Fibershed: Growing a Movement of Farmers, Fashion Activists, and Makers for a New Textile Economy*, Burgess presents a scalable, restorative agricultural systems model that has been successfully implemented in upwards of 50 communities around the world.

A call to action to everyone involved in textiles, this book advocates for connectivity between all steps and players in the process, from soil to skin and back to soil.

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