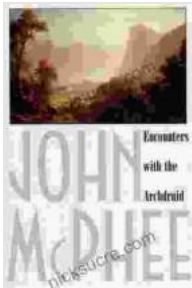


# Narratives About Conservationist And Three Of His Natural Enemies



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Conservationists are often portrayed as heroes, fighting to protect the planet from destruction. But they also have their enemies, who see conservation as a threat to their own interests. These enemies include developers, extractive industries, and politicians.

In this article, we will explore the narratives surrounding conservationists and their enemies. We will examine the ways in which these narratives shape public perception and influence conservation policy.

## The Conservationist

The conservationist is often portrayed as a selfless individual, dedicated to protecting the environment. They are seen as being on the side of nature, and fighting against those who would destroy it. This narrative is often

reinforced by images of conservationists working in remote and pristine areas, surrounded by wildlife.

However, this narrative can also be used to silence dissent and justify environmental destruction. For example, conservationists have been accused of using their platform to promote their own agenda, rather than the interests of the environment. They have also been accused of being elitist and out of touch with the needs of ordinary people.

### **The Developer**

The developer is often portrayed as a greedy and destructive force, who cares only about making money. They are seen as being responsible for deforestation, pollution, and climate change. This narrative is often reinforced by images of developers bulldozing forests and building skyscrapers.

However, this narrative is not always accurate. Developers can also play a positive role in conservation. For example, they can build sustainable developments that minimize their impact on the environment. They can also donate land to conservation organizations or work with them to create wildlife corridors.

### **The Extractive Industry**

The extractive industry is often portrayed as a polluting and destructive force, responsible for environmental damage and human rights abuses. This narrative is often reinforced by images of oil spills, mining accidents, and indigenous people being displaced from their land.

However, this narrative is not always accurate. Extractive industries can also play a positive role in conservation. For example, they can fund conservation projects or work with indigenous communities to develop sustainable land management practices.

## **The Politician**

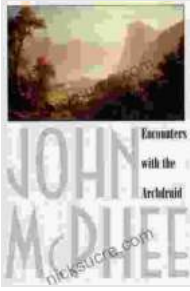
The politician is often portrayed as being either corrupt or incompetent. They are seen as being more interested in getting re-elected than in protecting the environment. This narrative is often reinforced by images of politicians making empty promises or accepting donations from special interests.

However, this narrative is not always accurate. Some politicians are genuinely committed to protecting the environment. They can use their power to pass laws that protect wildlife, reduce pollution, and promote sustainable development.

The narratives surrounding conservationists and their enemies are complex and multifaceted. These narratives can be used to promote conservation or to justify environmental destruction. It is important to be aware of these narratives and to critically evaluate their accuracy.

By understanding the narratives that shape public perception, we can better understand the challenges facing conservationists and their enemies. We can also make more informed decisions about the policies and actions that we support.

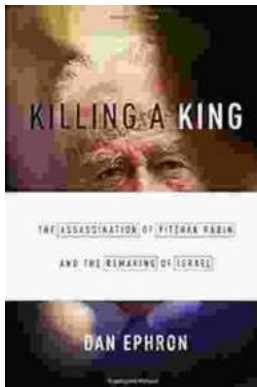
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