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"Read no further than *Power From the Wind* by prolific writer and sustainable living practitioner Dan Chiras, with contributions by Mick Sagrillo and Ian Woofenden. This book helps you assess your energy needs, your site's wind energy potential, and sort out every aspect of the design, purchase and installation of a small-scale, or residential wind system. Amazingly, it does so without demanding that you be some technical tinkerer or electrical engineer. - John Ivanko, Sustainablog

"What can the wind do for the world's power problems? *Power From The Wind* discusses how people can use wind power to power their own homes on a small scale, reducing power consumption bills. Wind is cheap and renewable; to not harvest it for use is wasteful. Outlining how to get started harvesting wind power, author Dan Chiras answers many of the most commonly asked questions. *Power From the Wind* belongs in any collection for the environmentally thoughtful." - James. A. Cox, The Midwest Book Review

Faced with frequent power outages, skyrocketing energy costs, and constant reminders of the impacts of conventional energy sources, homeowners and businesses are beginning to explore ways to use energy more efficiently and to generate their own electricity to reduce fuel bills and their carbon footprint and to achieve greater independence.

Power From the Wind is an easy-to-understand guide for individuals and businesses interested in installing small wind energy systems and includes information on the following:

- Ways to assess wind resources at your site
- Wind turbines, towers, inverters, and batteries
- Installation, maintenance, and costs

This book is designed to help readers make the smartest, most economical choices. Readers will gain the knowledge they need to make wise decisions during the design, purchase, and installation of small wind energy systems and to communicate effectively with wind system installers.

Dan Chiras is an internationally acclaimed author who has published over twenty-four books, including *The Homeowner's Guide to Renewable Energy*. He is a certified wind site assessor and has installed several residential wind systems. Dan lives in a passive solar home in Evergreen, Colorado. **Mick Sagrillo** is the wind technology specialist for Wisconsin's Focus on Energy. **Ian Woofenden** is a wind electricity editor, writer, workshop coordinator, instructor, and user in Washington's San Juan Islands.

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