



THE CONUNDRUM DAVID OWEN

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"Funny, elucidating, and blunt . . . By replacing fuzzy green dreams with rigorous analysis and clear-eyed realism, Owen enables us to proceed on firmer ground."

—*Booklist* ★ Review

Hybrid cars, fast trains, compact fluorescent lightbulbs, solar panels, carbon offsets: everything you've been told about being green is wrong. We are consumers, and we like to consume greenly and efficiently. But David Owen argues that our best intentions are still at cross-purposes to our true goal: living sustainably while caring for our environment and the future of the planet. Efficiency, once considered the holy grail of our environmental problems, turns out to be part of the problem—we have little trouble turning increases in efficiency into increases in consumption.

David Owen's elegant narrative, filled with fascinating information and anecdotes, takes you through the history of energy and the quest for efficiency. He details the arguments of efficiency's proponents and its antagonists—and in the process overturns most traditional wisdom about being green. This is a book that will change how you look at the world. We already have the technology and the knowledge we need to live sustainably. But will we do it? That is the conundrum.

"A penetrating look at the earth's shrinking and misappropriated resources and the delusions underlying our solutions to these problems." —*Publishers Weekly*

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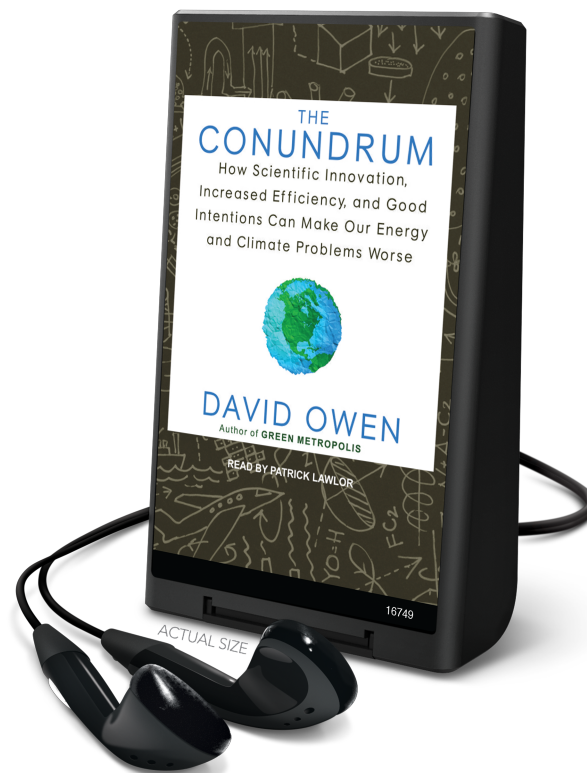
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