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## Dr. HELEN CALDICOTT

Special introduction by Karen Kramer (Mrs. Stanley Kramer) whose husband created the film that inspired Helen Caldicott's activism: *ON THE BEACH*.

The book is a treasure trove of anecdotes featuring high-profile politicians, academics, and celebrities, including Martin Sheen, Lily Tomlin, Bob Herbert, and Lester Brown. . . .Alongside the celebrity sightings runs the thread of a growing urgency to change our energy, environmental, and military policies in the United States and on a global scale. Surprising statistics about nuclear waste storage, rising sea levels, and military spending serve as an alarm, but Caldicott and her collaborators also offer many innovative solutions."

—Publishers Weekly

At the lovely home of:  
**Jan and Jerry Manpearl,**  
Santa Monica, CA. 90402; (310) 458-7213

**Refreshments served – \$20 ADA; PDLA members \$15**

*Loving This Planet* offers an informative and accessible overview of the chief environmental and social issues of our time. *Lannan Award* winner **Dr. Helen Caldicott** is a co-founder of *Physicians for Social Responsibility* and was named one of the most influential women of the twentieth century by the *Smithsonian Institute*. She is the author of numerous books, including *Nuclear Power Is Not the Answer* (The New Press). She lives in Australia.

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HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT BEFORE YOU COME TO THE EVENT:

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**KAREN KRAMER** (Mrs. Stanley Kramer) whose husband created the film that inspired **Helen Caldicott's activism: *ON THE BEACH***. The residents of Australia after a global nuclear war must come to terms with the fact that all life will be destroyed in a matter of months. The story is a dystopian world of atomic radiation fallout, which could be closer to a reality than we think.

**DR. HELEN CALDICOTT:** Ever since quitting her job as a pediatrician at Harvard Medical School in 1980, Helen Caldicott has worked tirelessly for a safe, sustainable, nuclear-free planet, most recently by hosting a weekly radio show featuring environmentalists and leading activists from around the globe.

Together with some of the most brilliant thinkers and inspiring advocates of our time, including Maude Barlow, Bill McKibben, and many others, Caldicott—whom Meryl Streep has called “my inspiration to speak out”—scrutinizes our unsustainable dependence on nuclear energy and the absurdity of nuclear arms and seeks to raise awareness about other planetary issues, including deforestation, sea-level rise, and privatization of water reserves. In these stirring conversations, we hear from Martin Sheen on the power of grassroots movements and the ability of unionized labor to influence politicians; Jonathan Schell, bestselling author and contributing editor to *The Nation* and *Harper's Magazine*, on key environmental and economic fallacies; and award-winning nuclear engineer Arjun Makhijani on transitioning to a society based completely on renewable energy, omitting the need for fossil fuels or nuclear power.

<http://www.helencaldicott.com/>  
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