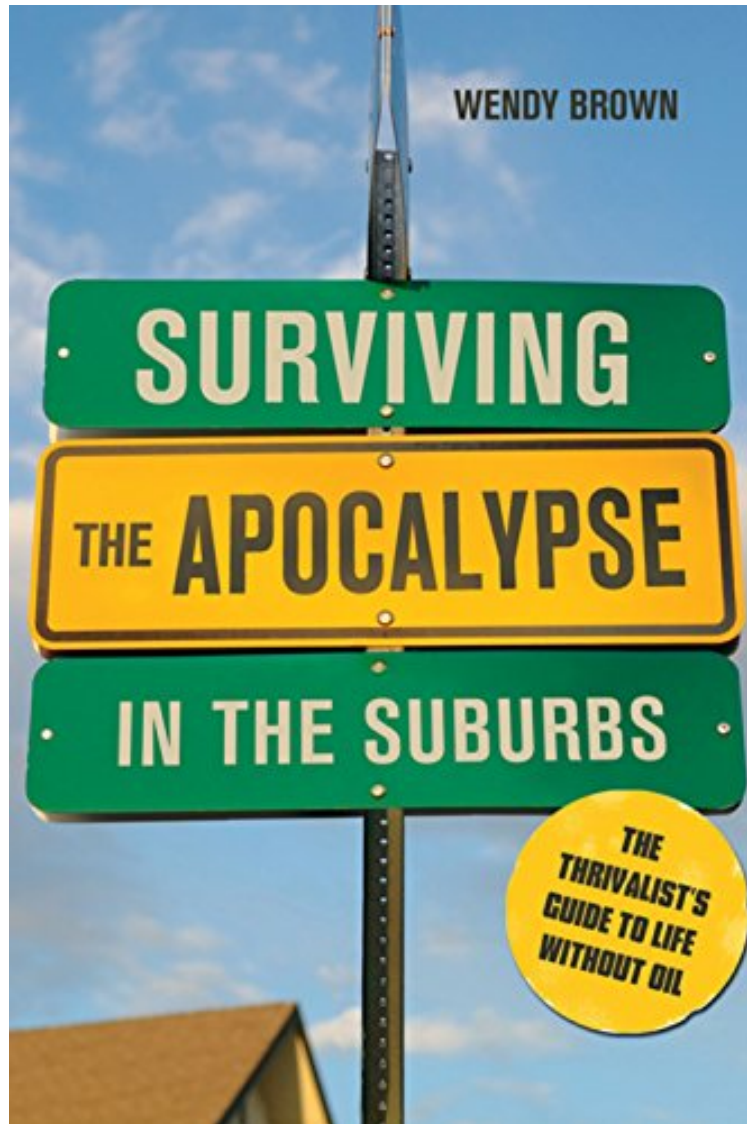


# Surviving the Apocalypse in the Suburbs: The Thrivalist's Guide to Life Without Oil

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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. DisappointedBy Jeff L.When ordering this book, I had high hopes. However, this is not the authoritative guide I expected. The premise of the book is a supposed list of priorities to be

addressed in anticipation of the worst. However, the author frequently wonders without much direction or knowledge. Anticipating lack of electricity, she ponders ways to power her laptop without seeming to realize that there probably will be no internet without electricity. She offers suggestions for entertainment such as collecting used books now. Her suggestions for heating and cooking amounts to wood, not seeming to understand that getting wood for fuel in most places requires some form of energy for transporting it over some distance. In all honesty, I could have written the same book over a winter's hibernation without much better to do, and I wouldn't buy my book either, if I were you!

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Practical useful information. By G. Lynch When I was Thirteen years old I saw the movie "Panic In the Year Zero." That was in 1968 when we all thought nuclear war was just around the corner. Ever since then I've been aware of the frailty of our suburban petroleum based consumer life style. I've read many books about surviving a catastrophic future but they always seem to involve building a compound in Idaho and stockpiling ammunition or surviving in the wilderness with a knife. All of them were good reads with good information but not very practical for my reality where I get up at five in the morning and drive to work so I can pay my mortgage and electric bill. "Surviving the Apocalypse in the Suburbs" is the first book that I've come across that made me feel like, "Hey I can do this." The scenario of a future where we all have to get by on less due to peak oil or financial collapse is a very plausible one as is the idea that with a little preparation we can actually thrive in such a world. If in the future "Mad Max" or "The Road" is paradigm then nothing matters anyway. If on the other hand the more realistic idea that we can go back to a simpler way of living and get along without all the consumer paraphernalia that we've become accustomed to is more the case, then the author has provided a very upbeat manual for thriving in such an environment. As for me, I've come to the conclusion that even if the modern consumerist orgy of endless instant gratification continues indefinitely, it's an hollow endless cycle of searching for something that can never be found at Walmart and I will be happier getting off the merry go 'round and living a simpler more sustainable lifestyle. This book is actually one of a very few that has actually motivated me to do something to improve my life, and that's a good thing.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Liked it! By Val Great suggestions, made me reconsider the tons of books I was thinking of selling / giving away. What happens if "civilization as we know it" ends ? I wouldn't starve because it's very easy to live a simple life and grow my own vegetables (I already do), and I'd definitely step-up my indoor sprout "garden" plus my mushroom garden, and that will take care of my physical body, but what about my mind ? This book has helped me realize that I need to have some awesome books to read on a daily basis. These would include vegan cookbooks (you can always learn new recipes), books on learning new skills; for example, I love to sew and would really like to learn to sew new and different things, and there are some cool books out there that teach you that, plus books on gardening, frugal living (which hopefully most people in that situation would already be practicing), financial and real estate books - would be fun to keep up with those. So yes, definitely an interesting read. Mind you, the author didn't address all the above, but the book got me thinking about those things.

In the latter half of the twentieth century, the percentage of the total American population living in suburbs grew to nearly fifty percent. Fossil fuels were cheap and plentiful, and car-dependent, energy-intensive lifestyles came hand in hand with this demographic transition. In the age of Peak Oil, environmental catastrophe, and a failing economy, it is imperative that we transform the suburbs into sustainable communities. *Surviving the Apocalypse in the Suburbs* envisions a suburban evolution from isolated cookie cutter houses with manicured lawns and two-car garages to small, closely packed, productive, interdependent homesteads. This guide to simplifying suburbia and adopting a lower energy lifestyle breaks down all our basic needs and describes how they might be met after the loss of the modern conveniences we currently take for granted. From small-space gardening techniques and a guide to small livestock to tips on cooking and heating, sanitation options, and much more, this is a complete guide to becoming more self-sufficient wherever you live. Required reading for anyone interested in increased self-reliance and a lower carbon footprint, *Surviving the Apocalypse in the Suburbs* will help you look past the white picket fence to a new world of possibilities. Wendy Brown is a suburban homesteader growing roots (both literally and figuratively) in southern Maine where she and her family have made the transition from a completely dependent, consumerist lifestyle to one of living debt-free in a comfortable, more efficient home in a desirable location with a bountiful garden.

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