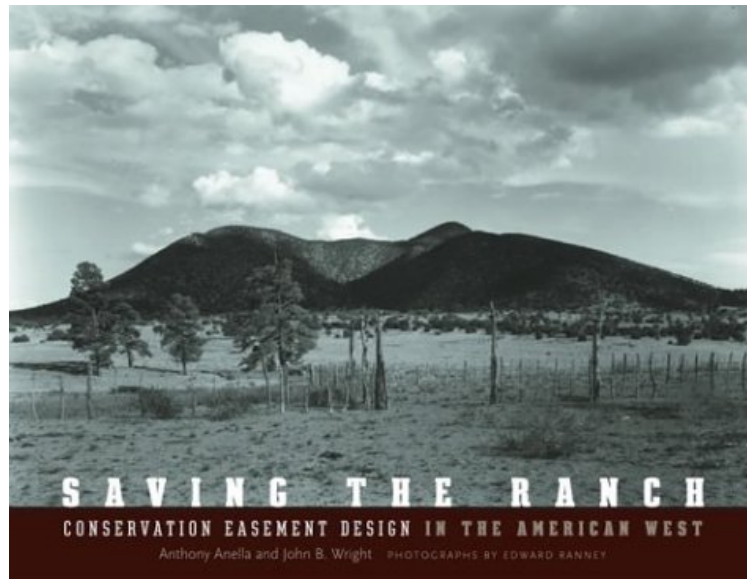


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I recommend this book!By Dave V.As a public official with the planning function, I recommend this book for anyone interested in preserving farm land, open space and rural character. The book focuses on western range lands, while I am located east of the Mississippi river, but I am able to use virtually all of the information. What a wonderful resource!4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Unique, intelligent, practical, and handsomeBy ThompNickSonHere in New Mexico you can see for 50 miles or more on a clear day-- and most of the days are clear. The views are astounding. But as somebody who has come to love these views in the few months that I have been here from Massachusetts, I am also aware how easily they can be spoiled: a powerline here, a radio tower there, a housing development thoughtlessly splayed out on a hillside can blight the views for hundreds of square miles around. With Edward Ranney's photographs, this book inspires us to protect the West's fabulous landscape and with Annella and Wright's text, it provides a practical step by step prescription for how to go about it. I particularly admire the case studies, where the reader gets to see how the principles have been put into practice and vulnerable western landscapes have been saved.All the scenes are western, but the principles of land conservancy are the same wherever vacant land is threatened. Saving the Ranch ought to be on the shelf of every environmental activist who has looked at an inspiring rural landscape and asked him or herself, "I wonder how this land could be saved?"

With land values skyrocketing and cattle prices falling, ranchers across the American West are seeking to capitalize on

a lifetime of stewardship. The solution for many comes in the form of a conservation easement - voluntary legal agreement that permanently protects the conservation values of a property by limiting or restricting future development. *Saving the Ranch* is a concise and readable guide to conservation easements for ranchers, conservationists, and developers concerned with protecting the natural and scenic values of ranch lands in the western United States. The book shows how ranchers can reduce estate taxes, generate and shelter income, and combine land conservation with estate planning. Case studies explore how conservation easements have been used, helping readers to understand the variety of circumstances under which easements can be effective. Examples presented and the situations described. *Saving the Ranch* gives ranchers the information they need to continue their stewardship of natural resources while identifying and capturing the conservation value of their land. It is an essential new work for anyone concerned with protecting the integrity of ranch lands and helping ranching survive as a way of life in the American West.

"The American West epitomized an ideal American landscape, characterized by vast expanses picture is changing rapidly. Increasingly ranches that have been in families for generations are development. Ranch lands also comprise some of the most important wildlife habitat and ecological the West. This book provides real options for private landowners that both maintain the viability operations and protect open space and wildlife habitat. Every rancher, and everyone concerned and the wildlife habitat they contain should read this book."