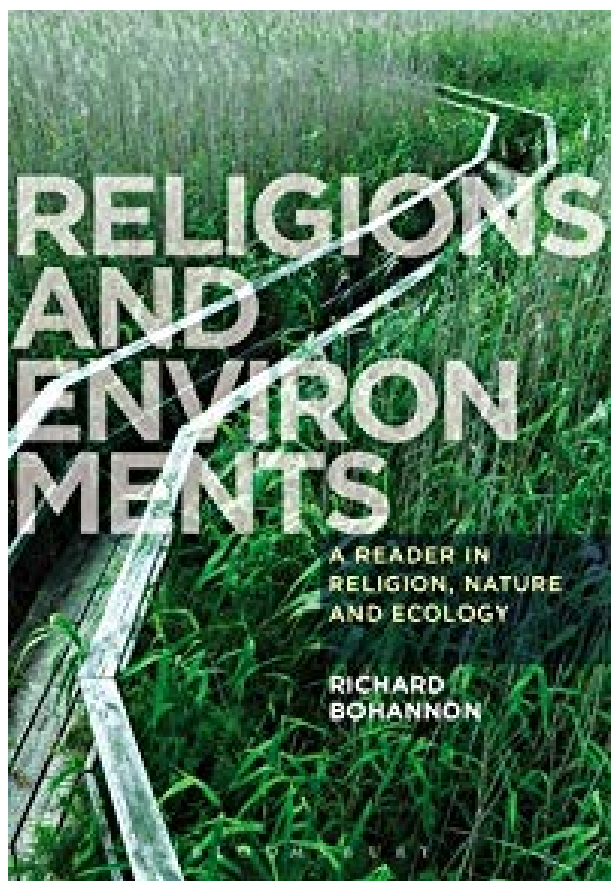


# Religions and Environments: A Reader in Religion, Nature and Ecology



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