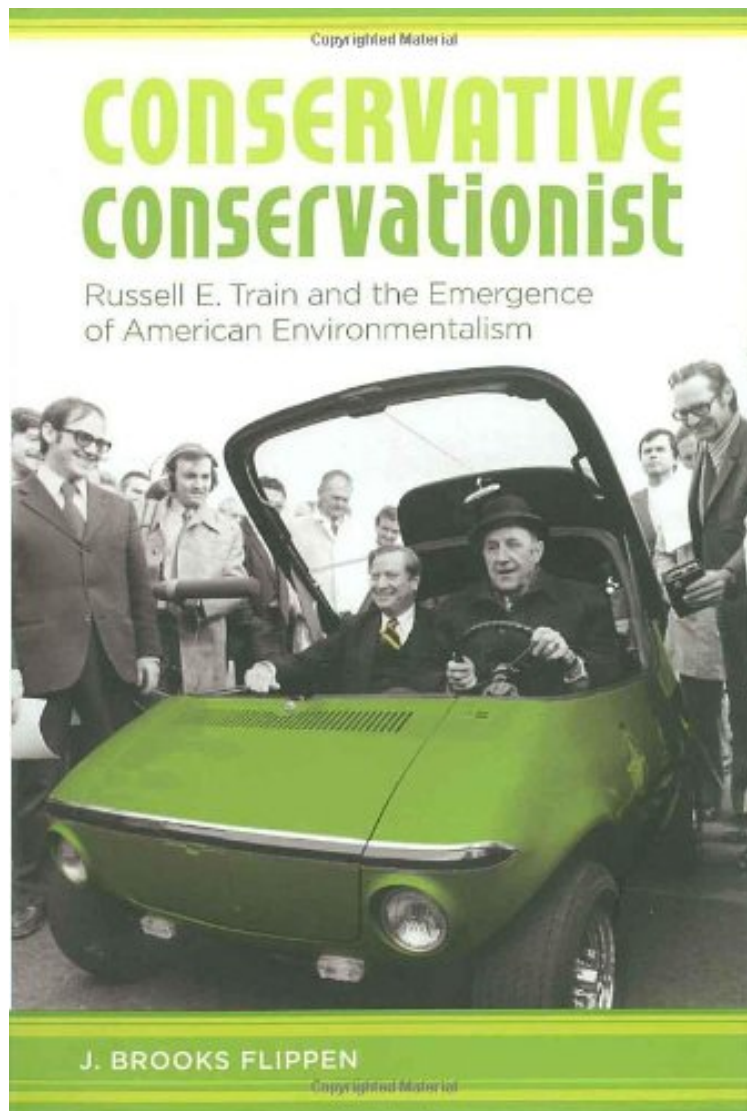


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In the history of American environmentalism, Russell E. Train plays a starring role. Few individuals have been so influential in creating the United States' environmental policies and encouraging conservation efforts around the world. In this absorbing new biography, J. Brooks Flippin describes Train's significance within the fascinating history of the contemporary environmental movement. A lifelong Republican, Train left a successful judicial career to found the African Wildlife Leadership Foundation. As the problems of pollution and unrestrained growth became apparent, he adopted a more ecological approach to nature and became a leader of the emerging environmental movement of the 1960s. He soon headed the Conservation Foundation, one of the first organizations to appreciate that humans represent only one strand in the "web of life." President Richard Nixon appointed Train as the initial chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality just as the country celebrated its first Earth Day. There he helped craft the most important environmental legislation in U.S. history. After three years, he became administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, enforcing regulations during the Energy Crisis and much of the troubled 1970s. With the election of Democrat Jimmy Carter, Train returned to the private sector as head of the American affiliate of the World Wildlife Fund. He found himself increasingly at odds with many Republicans as a new, more ideological brand of conservatism grew and bipartisanship faded. Train's Republican credentials and environmental advocacy made him a vestige of the past and, in a sense, a hope for the future. Given complete access to the personal papers and recollections of Russell Train, Flippin casts an unbiased eye on this remarkable man and the causes he has so fervently promoted. Of a prominent Washington family, Train has known every president from Herbert Hoover to George W. Bush. His life and career illustrate the political dynamics of modern environmentalism and illuminate the insider culture of Washington, D.C.

From Publishers Weekly Once upon a time, a Republican was the nation's leading crusader for clean air and water, sustainable growth and the protection of endangered species. In this engrossing blend of biography and insider politics an exciting story occasionally muffled by the minutiae of bureaucratic maneuvering Flippin (Nixon and the Environment) casts a nostalgic eye on a brief period of American ecological achievement: the years between Lyndon Johnson's retirement and Ronald Reagan's ascendance to the White House. That's when conservationist Russell Train, self-made son of a rock-ribbed Republican family, helped craft the Clean Air Act and a forerunner of the Clean Water Act, empowered the nascent Environmental Protection Agency with political muscle and was active in ecological diplomacy abroad though he counseled a moderation that dismayed more aggressive activists. Train left the EPA with Jimmy Carter's election in 1976, leading the American branch of the World Wildlife Federation and operating "as essentially a free-agent environmentalist" for two decades, always a loyal Republican until, dismayed by the second Bush's environmental record, he voted (at age 84) for John Kerry in 2004. This slice of political history is a timely reminder that Train's credo "ecologists are the true conservatives" once held sway. (Sept.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. About the Author?