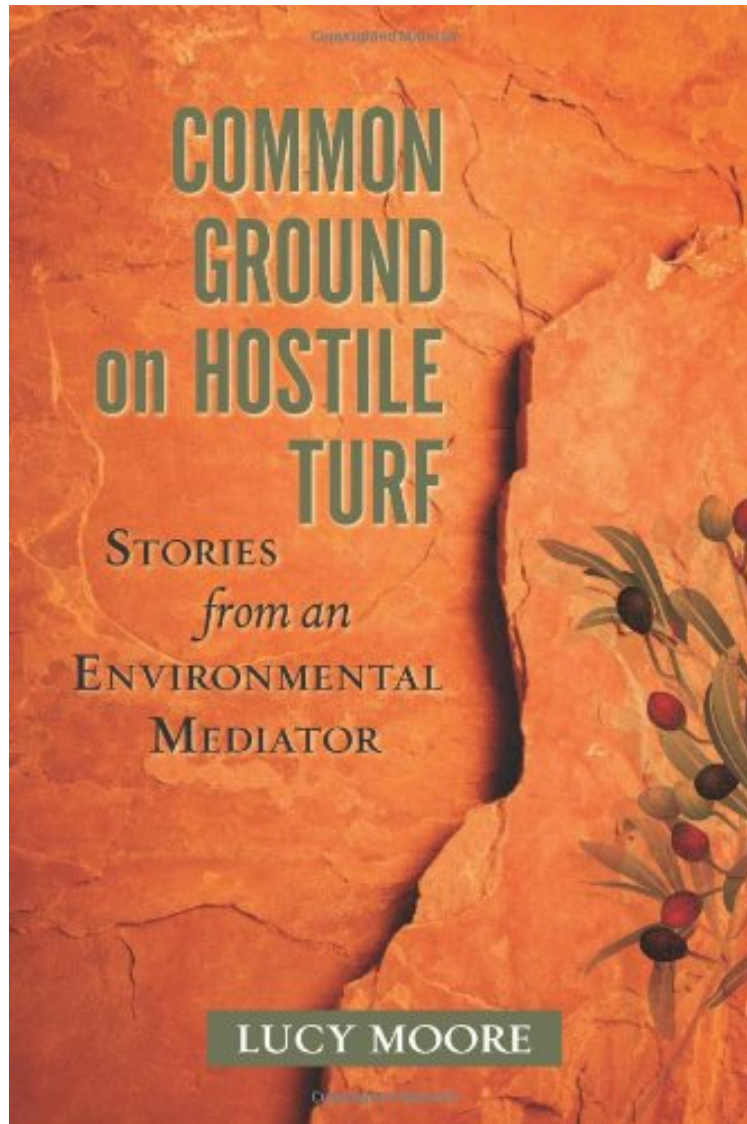


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years I was surprised and delighted to hear some back stories about the recent history of the area. Lucy Moore tells about events that have shaped our lives in this area in ways that bring the people and events into focus without sugarcoating the difficulties of changes in populations, environments and the interactions of diverse cultures. IT is ongoing and she does not tell us about conclusions and fixes but how this ongoing search for mediation really works.

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In each of the 10 stories contained in this collection, Lucy Moore provides vivid descriptions of the physical, social, psychological, and emotional terrain that constitutes the "hostile turf" and the mediation processes used in the search -- sometimes futile -- to find common ground. A remarkable achievement in a compact volume.

In our increasingly polarized society, there are constant calls for compromise, for coming together. For many, these are empty talking points. For Lucy Moore, they are a life's work. As an environmental mediator, she has spent the past quarter century resolving conflicts that appeared utterly intractable. Here, she shares the most compelling stories of her career, offering insight and inspiration to anyone caught in a seemingly hopeless dispute. Moore has worked on wide-ranging issues from radioactive waste storage to loss of traditional grazing lands. More importantly, she has worked with diverse groups and individuals: ranchers, environmental activists, government agencies, corporations, tribal groups, and many more. After decades spent at the negotiating table, she has learned that a case does not turn on facts, legal merit, or moral superiority. It turns on people. Through ten memorable stories, she shows how issues of culture, personality, history, and power affect negotiations. And she illustrates that equitable solutions depend on a healthy group dynamic. Both the mediator and opposing parties must be honest, vulnerable, open, and respectful. Easier said than done, but Moore proves that subtle shifts can break the logjam and reconcile even the most fiercely warring factions. This book should be especially appealing to anyone concerned with environmental conflicts; and also to students in environmental studies, political science, and conflict resolution, and to academics and professionals in mediation and conflict resolution fields.

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Government representatives versus grassroots rebels; ambitious developers versus environmental defenders; hunters versus herders; Native American tribes versus New Age interlopers. Throughout the country, life seems to be a constant battle of opposing forces, as too many people vie for too few resources. When initiatives involving hot-button issues such as water rights, toxic-waste disposal, and antipollution regulations move from the theoretical to the actual and bureaucrats descend from their ivory towers to set up camp in one's backyard, the potential exists for a colossal clash of wills. Into the fray step intrepid mediators like Moore, whose job it is to help break stalemates and defuse tempers. An environmental and public-policy mediator, Moore has managed conflict resolution across an impressive and impassioned array of controversial subjects. Offering specific case studies from nearly a quarter century on the front lines of civic confrontations, Moore engagingly profiles the qualities required to help individuals and groups make critical choices and come to consensus, painlessly and respectfully. --Carol Haggas  
"Moore's examples are varied and compelling, and offer instructive lessons on resolving the critical issues that face the West as population and mobility increase and resources dwindle. Her voice is passionate, reasoned and articulate, yet seasoned throughout with the vulnerability she deems so essential to conflict resolution." (High Country News)