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"The dilemma of liberty and ownership takes center stage in polymath Andro Linklater's exhilarating *Owning the Earth*...[It] is a magnificent achievement, a fascinating survey of what it has meant at various times to own or take possession of land, and of how landowning has shaped the way we perceive the world and our place in it...There is something almost boyish about the execution and energy of this book, the way it races on makes the reader feel as if transported on a Phileas Foggian adventure through the history of ideas." *Wall Street Journal*

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"[A] careful, comprehensive historical study...the subject matter is so important and his dedication so thorough that this singular work should be welcomed by all readers." *Booklist*

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#### About the Author

**Andro Linklater** is the acclaimed author of *Measuring America*, *The Fabric of America*, *An Artist in Treason*, and *Why Spencer Perceval Had to Die*. He lives in England

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