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Coverage of ESG Books

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Introduction

Identifying ESG Books:

- ESG focussed sites checked for new ESG relevant books being published worldwide every month
- Around 300 to 400 new ESG books being published every month identified
- Information from publishing houses and book sellers were gathered to update about the ESG books to be launched
- Global, regional and local media portals on ESG books being published reviewed

Selecting ESG Books:

Each of the 300 to 400 new ESG book being published every month is chosen through a process of in-depth research and selection by senior ESG-experienced colleagues. We detail here the step-by-step efforts taken to select these new ESG books.

A. Selection Round 1 - New ESG books selection process
B. Selection Round 2 - Categorizing the select new ESG books into ESG topics
C. Selection Round 3 - Categorizing the select new ESG books into reader categories
D. Selection Round 4 - Identifying the best 100 ESG books

A. Selection Round 1 - New ESG books selection process:

This selection process was done over multiple rounds by an experienced team of editors. Two senior colleagues made decisions on inclusion or exclusion of an ESG book by evaluating each book on these criteria:

Criteria used for inclusion

For corporate book readers:

- Book which comes under the broad company/industry/business ESG purview
- Is helpful (or provides additional information) in furthering ESG goals of the companies
- Is helpful in training the department heads with specific ESG objective
- Introduces new and emerging ESG approaches and technologies
- Helps in skilling a ESG career or a particular aspect of ESG which has broad business relevance

For individual book readers:

- Helps in absorbing sustainability perspectives into one's life
- Introduces new practical approaches to sustainability

For academic institution book readers:

- Helps in facilitating additional information resources for the library/students relevant to the present ESG and future/emerging ESG trends and technologies
- Helps in exposure to case studies/analysis relevant to ESG from ESG professionals authoring these books

Other criteria points:

- ESG books being published every month
- Books of authors/editors having corporate experience in sustainability
- Books of academic authors with knowledge of corporate sustainability or related topics
- Books from established authors with keen perspective and approach for a future in sustainability
- Independent reviews published on these books
- Prevailing ESG issues and challenges addressed
- Global perspective and approach

Criteria used for exclusion

- ESG focussed books but does not provide any new dimensions or perspectives for sustainability
- ESG dedicated books but highly technical and scientific in information and solutions

B. Selection Round 2 - Categorizing the select new ESG books into ESG topics:

The research team then categorized the ESG books included into 20+ key ESG topics:

1. Biodiversity
2. Business Circularity and Circular Economy
3. Carbon Emissions and Decarbonization
4. Corporate Ethics and Transparency
5. Corporate Social Responsibility
6. Corporate Sustainable Governance
7. Cybersecurity and Data Privacy
8. Digital Sustainability
9. Employee Engagement
10. Employee Safety, Health and Mental Well-being at the Workplace
11. Energy Transition
12. ESG and Climate Change
13. ESG in Supply Chain Management
14. ESG Reporting, Frameworks and Disclosures
15. Green Products & Services
16. DE&I and Gender Diversity
17. Renewable & Alternative Energy
18. Responsible Investing
19. Sustainable/Green Finance
20. Sustainable Operations
21. Waste, Water and Pollution Management

C. Selection Round 3 - Categorizing the select new ESG books into reader categories:

The ESG books identified are useful for different reader categories and thus each book is assigned applicable reader category. These reader categories are:

- ESG Professionals: This category is for all those readers interested in ESG-based business growth, business executives, students with ESG career focus, regulatory officials and ESG researchers.
- ESG Broader Interest: This category is for all those readers with interests in the emerging ESG thought process and its applicability to our daily regular life.
- ESG Young Readers: This category is for all those young readers whom we need to instil the values of environmental awareness, community responsibility and doing the right things always.

D. Selection Round 4: Identifying the best 100 ESG books:

Best 100 from 300 to 400 new ESG books being published every month selected based on definite qualitative criteria:

Step 1:

- Books conveying global ESG issues identified
- ESG books applicable to most of the industry sectors identified
- ESG books with topics and contents understandable or relatable by most of the readership profiles identified
- ESG books with price of $50 or less identified
- ESG books with TOC, author/editor, and book review links available identified
- ESG books with distributor's link available identified
- ESG books with publisher's details available identified
- ESG books with both bound and paperback edition prices available identified

Grading points were given to each book based on the above criteria.

Step 2:

From the books sorted on grading points in descending order, the top books were identified as below:

- Top 3 books for each of the ESG topics
- Top 5 books for each of the 3 reader categories
- Top 5 books for each of the 3 publisher categories
- Top 5 edited and top 5 non-edited books

Books thus identified from step 2 above were then marked as 100 Best ESG books.

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1.1 Number of ESG Books: By ESG Topic

ESG Topic	No. of Books							
	Oct26 Curated	Oct26 Select-100	Nov26 Curated	Nov26 Select-100	Dec26 Curated	Dec26 Select-100	Q4 Curated	Q4 Select-100
Environmental								
Environmental Sustainability	25	8	38	8	39	14	102	30
Climate Change	26	10	22	10	26	8	74	28
Waste, Water and Pollution Management	16	4	33	11	18	6	67	21
Energy Transition	26	2	15	2	23	3	64	7
Renewable & Alternative Energy	10	0	23	5	20	4	53	9
Biodiversity	11	4	11	2	15	0	37	6
Circular Economy	7	4	14	2	9	6	30	12
Carbon Emissions and Decarbonization	9	7	10	5	7	3	26	15
Green Products & Services	1	0	4	2	10	2	15	4
Sustainable Living	6	1	0	0	8	2	14	3
Environmental Responsibility	0	0	2	0	3	2	5	2
Environmental Total	**137**	**40**	**172**	**47**	**178**	**50**	**487**	**137**
Social								
Safety, Health and Well-being	20	8	28	9	31	5	79	22
DE&I and Gender Diversity	17	7	28	8	24	6	69	21
Social Responsibility	6	3	16	2	20	3	42	8
Community Engagement/Support/Safety	7	2	8	1	13	4	28	7
Employee Engagement	7	6	4	2	4	1	15	9
Human Rights	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
Social Total	**63**	**26**	**84**	**22**	**92**	**19**	**239**	**67**
Governance								
Sustainable Operations	27	9	32	8	42	12	101	29
Cybersecurity	23	5	22	2	20	3	65	10
Sustainable Governance	22	4	26	4	16	8	64	16
Digital Sustainability	16	2	26	3	20	7	62	12
Ethics & Transparency	6	5	17	6	11	4	34	15
Sustainable/Green Finance	10	5	7	3	7	1	24	9
ESG in Supply Chain Management	6	3	8	5	5	1	19	9
ESG Reporting, Frameworks and Disclosures	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	1
Governance Total	**113**	**34**	**138**	**31**	**121**	**36**	**372**	**101**
Total	**313**	**100**	**394**	**100**	**391**	**105**	**1098**	**305**

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1.2 Number of ESG Books: By Reader Category

Reader Category	No. of Books							
	Oct26 Curated	Oct26 Select-100	Nov26 Curated	Nov26 Select-100	Dec26 Curated	Dec26 Select-100	Q4 Curated	Q4 Select-100
Professionals	255	79	301	75	317	91	873	245
Broader Interest	58	21	93	25	75	14	226	60
Total	**313**	**100**	**394**	**100**	**392**	**105**	**1099**	**305**

1.3 Number of ESG Books: By Publisher

Publisher	No. of Books							
	Oct26 Curated	Oct26 Select-100	Nov26 Curated	Nov26 Select-100	Dec26 Curated	Dec26 Select-100	Q4 Curated	Q4 Select-100
Commercial Publisher								
Routledge	49	21	85	28	85	23	219	72
CRC Press	37	16	47	15	63	22	147	53
Springer Cham	59	3	34	0	33	6	126	9
Springer Singapore	27	3	26	1	17	4	70	8
Elsevier	12	3	23	6	14	6	49	15
Palgrave Macmillan	13	3	12	4	11	3	36	10
Emerald Publishing Limited	9	4	11	4	7	3	27	11
Academic Press	3	1	13	5	5	1	21	7
Edward Elgar Publishing	9	2	4	3	8	6	21	11
Walter de Gruyter GmbH	3	2	12	2	6	2	21	6
IGI Global Scientific Publishing	1	1	17	6	1	1	19	8
Woodhead Publishing Limited	2	1	7	5	9	3	18	9
Apple Academic Press	6	4	3	2	8	5	17	11
Wiley	4	3	2	0	7	0	13	3
Kogan Page	2	2	4	2	4	1	10	5
Bloomsbury Academic	2	0	4	0	3	1	9	1
Cambridge Scholars Publishing	2	0	3	0	3	0	8	0
Apress	0	0	3	0	4	0	7	0
Productivity Press	0	0	2	0	4	1	6	1
River Publishers	0	0	3	1	3	2	6	3
World Scientific Publishing Company	2	0	3	1	1	0	6	1
Chapman and Hall/CRC	0	0	3	0	2	2	5	2
International Atomic Energy Agency	4	0	0	0	1	0	5	0
The Institution of Engineering and Technology	0	0	1	0	4	0	5	0

Publisher	No. of Books							
	Oct26 Curated	Oct26 Select-100	Nov26 Curated	Nov26 Select-100	Dec26 Curated	Dec26 Select-100	Q4 Curated	Q4 Select-100
Wiley-Scrivener	1	0	3	1	1	0	5	1
Wiley-VCH	1	1	0	0	4	2	5	3
Hart Publishing	0	0	1	0	3	2	4	2
ICE Publishing	0	0	2	0	2	0	4	0
Wiley-IEEE Press	1	1	1	0	2	1	4	2
Anthem Press	3	2	0	0	0	0	3	2
Auerbach Publications	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	0
Birkhäuser Verlag GmbH	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0
Chelsea Green Publishing	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	1
Ethics International Press, Inc	1	0	1	1	1	0	3	1
Paths Publishing Group	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0
Polity books	0	0	0	0	3	2	3	2
Others	45	17	33	9	36	1	114	27
Commercial Publisher Total	**300**	**91**	**366**	**96**	**362**	**100**	**1028**	**287**
University Press								
Cambridge University Press	3	3	5	1	3	1	11	5
Bristol University Press	2	2	7	2	1	0	10	4
Oxford University Press	0	0	5	1	2	0	7	1
Edinburgh University Press	0	0	1	0	3	1	4	1
University of California Press	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0
Others	51	20	42	9	51	4	30	6
University Press Total	**11**	**8**	**27**	**4**	**27**	**5**	**65**	**17**
Non-profit / Institutional / Foundation Publisher								
Royal Society of Chemistry	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0
Others	52	21	42	9	51	4	1	1
Non-profit / Institutional / Foundation Publisher Total	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**4**	**1**
Independent Publisher								
Others	53	21	43	9	51	4	2	0
Independent Publisher Total	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Total	**313**	**100**	**394**	**100**	**392**	**105**	**1099**	**305**

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1.4 Number of ESG Books: By Publishing Country

Publishing Country	No. of Books							
	Oct26 Curated	Oct26 Select-100	Nov26 Curated	Nov26 Select-100	Dec26 Curated	Dec26 Select-100	Q4 Curated	Q4 Select-100
United Kingdom	109	44	159	54	161	45	429	143
United States	85	43	121	33	139	38	345	114
Switzerland	59	3	36	0	34	6	129	9
Singapore	29	3	29	2	19	4	77	9
Netherlands	13	3	24	6	18	6	55	15
Germany	9	3	13	3	13	4	35	10
Canada	2	0	6	1	3	0	11	1
Denmark	0	0	3	1	3	2	6	3
Austria	4	0	0	0	1	0	5	0
Australia	2	1	0	0	1	0	3	1
India	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Italy	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
No country as published independently	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Total	**313**	**100**	**394**	**100**	**392**	**105**	**1099**	**305**

1.5 Number of ESG Books: By Price Range

Price Range	No. of Books							
	Oct26 Curated	Oct26 Select-100	Nov26 Curated	Nov26 Select-100	Dec26 Curated	Dec26 Select-100	Q4 Curated	Q4 Select-100
$101-Above	172	44	220	53	230	70	622	167
$51-100.99	60	18	101	29	75	17	236	64
$26-50.99	59	26	61	14	74	17	194	57
$11-25.99	21	12	12	4	11	1	44	17
$1-10.99	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Total	**313**	**100**	**394**	**100**	**391**	**105**	**1098**	**305**

1.6 Number of ESG Books: By Book Type

Book Type	No. of Books							
	Oct26 Curated	Oct26 Select-100	Nov26 Curated	Nov26 Select-100	Dec26 Curated	Dec26 Select-100	Q4 Curated	Q4 Select-100
Edited Book	171	51	245	61	204	66	620	178
Authored Book	142	49	149	39	188	39	479	127
Total	**313**	**100**	**394**	**100**	**392**	**105**	**1099**	**305**

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