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In a world of hyper-individualism, "Co-intelligence" offers a refreshingly interconnected model for tackling complex challenges. Atlee's work reminds us that intelligence isn't confined to our heads – it emerges from the spaces between us.

By emphasizing wholeness and co-creativity, this book taps into the open-source potential of collective wisdom, through a symphony of theory, poetry, and stories. If you believe that Plurality, not singularity, is the key to our shared future, consider this book your essential field guide.

— Audrey Tang, Digital Minister, Taiwan

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Tom Atlee was one of my early influences. This book reminds me why this was so. Tom has such clarity in his thinking and in his written expression. The field of deliberative democracy has benefited from his thinking and writing and this book will have an additional impact on the efforts to create healthy democracies, which requires people to think well together. At a time when artificial intelligence is steamrolling ahead, sometimes scarily, Tom is reminding us of the power of our own human capacity, for critical thinking, deeply deliberating together, in order to make the best decisions for us all and our planet.

— Dr. L. Carson Research Director, The newDemocracy Foundation

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What could be more important and useful today than learning the ways of co-intelligence, harnessing the wisdom of the whole? In this lucid and stimulating book, Tom Atlee artfully unpacks, explains, and illustrates what co-intelligence means and how it can help us navigate these turbulent times. Highly recommended.

— William Ury, co-founder of the Harvard Program on Negotiation, co-author of *Getting to Yes* and author of *POSSIBLE: How We Survive (and Thrive) in an Age of Conflict*

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Tom Atlee has authentically, kindly and poetically distilled his deep life experience, insights and research into a clarity of the nature and potential of wholeness, co-intelligence and the ways of the universe - as a manifesto for us humans to learn to live and to organize ourselves in harmony with Life itself - if we so will choose. Friends, - read - absorb - read again - understand this profound message. May it become our daily - individual and collective - practice living it fully.

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Tom Atlee and his Co-Intelligence Institute have been an important authority and source of inspiration for me and my work for many years. He works tirelessly as a mentor, friend and companion for those who want to make progress on the still too little traveled path of participation, co-creation and co-intelligence. And in his latest book, he also encourages us to understand and implement the phenomenon of co-intelligence as fully as possible.

— Manfred Hellrigl, former director of OFRI (Office for Future Related Issues) of the State Government of Vorarlberg / Austria

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Tom Atlee's deep dive into co-intelligence is an invitation to appreciate its influence on... well... everything. Atlee meticulously expands our understanding of intelligence and explains why it matters. He takes us beyond its usual flattening into a measurement called IQ with a holistic, comprehensive, multi-dimensional, impossible-to-contain-in-a-few-words love song to co-intelligence. Stories illuminate experiences of co-intelligence in action providing a glimpse into what it means to live life through a co-intelligent world view. Even then, he reminds us that there's more to it than that. With a bow to the ever-present mystery, check it out to discover what it all means to you.

— Peggy Holman, author, *Engaging Emergence: Turning Upheaval into Opportunity* and co-author, *The Change Handbook*

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Tom Atlee's deep, wide and visionary thinking has inspired my own work and life for decades. I can think of no better time than now for this big book to come to life, drawing on his many years of research, lived experience and field testing. For when you enter Tom's world your heart, soul and mind open to seeing even these scary and challenging times as gifts from our possible future. Tom evokes wisdom, compassion, and ideas for a future that builds on the best of our impulses where we know that we are created for something more whole, more holy.

— Rachel Eryn Kalish, M.C. Conflict Transformation/ Mediation/ Dialogic Advocacy professional

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One can imagine a sane, healthy, and loving future time which celebrates this book as a founding document. One can imagine the sun rising and setting, just as it does in our time, and people living and dying just as we do now, but with well-being and ecological integrity at the center. Tom Atlee distills the social and spiritual DNA of this world we only see in pockets now.

— Vicki Robin, co-author of *Your Money or Your Life*, host of the podcast "What Could Possibly Go Right?"

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Tom Atlee - an applied, social and public philosopher and evolutionary activist - is a wise elder. In *Co-intelligence: The Applied Wisdom of Wholeness, Interconnectedness, and Co-Creativity*, Tom, ever the curious student, brings us his decades of deep systems explorations into how an emerging consciousness of connection and love can empower and guide citizens to refashion our democracy and our world. This book is treasure, a heuristic synthesis of a life devoted to local communities and the planet. If there is a way through the polycrisis/metacrisis we now find ourselves facing, co-intelligence will be instrumental.

— John Steiner, transpartisan activist, co-founder of the Bridge Alliance, board member, Mediators Foundation.

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As a close collaborator with Tom in the 1990s, I am delighted to see that this book is finally making it to the press. This book isn't about a particular "topic." Rather, it's a way of approaching just about any topic that has anything to do with what it means to be human, especially in these times. It manages to be clear without being reductive, comprehensive and

thorough without being boring, and uplifting even as it's sober in terms of the immensity of challenges we are facing. All in all, it's a socially conscious nerd's dream of learning about what optimal human functioning consists of.

— Miki Kashtan, author and social experimenter, Nonviolent Global Liberation community

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Co-intelligence, coined 30 years ago, is a guiding framework for exploring six holistic forms of intelligence that help us bring forward greater individual and collective wisdom. As an ever-evolving practical philosophy, it opens us to unrealized interrelatedness and the expansiveness of the issues and opportunities we face. I find it a shining light of hope in this time of complex existential crises, where narrow modes of intelligence, reductionist thinking and simplistic responses dominate our culture, a development being pushed further with the advent of generative AI. I encourage others not only to read this book but to join the co-intelligence journey with Tom, myself and so many others.

— Tirrania Suhood, Founder of InCollaboration and Convener of Sydney Commons Lab

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Tom Atlee is a wise elder and activist in the service of life whose work has inspired me greatly. He has been working on co-intelligence and how to access it collectively for over 30 years. This book is a gift that will help you usefully expand how you think about intelligence. I imagine it supporting people working locally to co-create wiser, more regenerative responses to the complex challenges of our time. It will help all of us listen more deeply to the wisdom we carry within ourselves, the wisdom we can only access collectively, and the inherent wisdom of life as a planetary and universal process - and to integrate them all into the greater wisdom we need."

— Daniel Christian Wahl, author of *Designing Regenerative Cultures*

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Tom Atlee is one of the most creative, thoughtful, and dedicated pioneers in a burgeoning field grounded in his early insights into what is needed in the spaces between us to access and engage co-intelligence and wise action.

Tom's current focus on the phenomena of interconnected "wholeness" in its multiple dimensions offers an even more subtle and penetrating lens into what will be critical if we, as a human community, are to navigate the challenging times ahead in life-affirming ways.

The incredible spread of the World Café approach to collaborative intelligence and committed action around the globe over the last quarter century might never have happened had Tom Atlee not been a beacon for our own lives and work.

— Juanita Brown PhD, Co-Founder, The World Cafe

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Tom has long tracked and pioneered the genius and synergistic power/magic of our collective wisdom. At this time of our collective unfolding polycrisis/metacrisis, Tom's *Co-intelligence, The Applied Wisdom of Wholeness, Interconnectedness, and Co-Creativity* offers powerful tools and insights to accelerate our transition to our emergent holistic paradigm.

— Mark Dubois, co-founder [International Rivers](#) Network and [Friends of the River](#); International Co-Coordinator for [Earth Day 1990](#) and 2000

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Tom Atlee's book, *Co-Intelligence: The Applied Wisdom of Wholeness, Interconnectedness, and Co-Creativity* is a captivating exploration into the transformative potential of co-intelligence amidst the complex challenges of our interconnected world.

The first quote by Jeff Schwartz in Tom's book resonated with the work I am doing at Iswe: "We're all we... although some of us don't know it yet". As someone invested in understanding systemic change, I found Tom's insights to be not only enlightening but also deeply resonant with my own research and practice in deliberative democracy.

At the heart of Tom's work lies the concept of co-intelligence – a dynamic interplay of intelligence, wisdom, and interconnectedness that emerges when individuals come together with a shared purpose.

Through compelling narratives and real-world examples, Tom illustrates how this co-intelligence can be harnessed to address the multifaceted crises of our time, from climate change to social inequality.

What sets Atlee's book apart is its emphasis on the practical application of co-intelligence principles in navigating complex systems and fostering meaningful change. Drawing from diverse case studies and personal anecdotes, Tom demonstrates how grassroots movements, citizens' assemblies, and collaborative initiatives have leveraged co-intelligence to catalyze positive transformation in their communities.

One of the most profound insights of the book is Tom's exploration of collective wisdom and participatory democracy. In a world plagued by polarization and division, Tom offers a compelling vision of inclusive decision-making processes that draw upon the wisdom of diverse people. This resonates deeply with my own exploration of governance and deliberative democracy and the need for inclusive dialogue in driving systemic change.

Throughout the book, Tom's passion for the subject matter shines through, inviting readers to join him on a journey of discovery and co-creative engagement. As someone committed to fostering meaningful dialogue and collaboration, I found Tom's approach to be both inspiring and empowering.

In conclusion, *Co-Intelligence* is a timely and thought-provoking book that offers invaluable insights into the power of collective wisdom and co-creative engagement in addressing the complex challenges of our time. Whether you're a policymaker, practitioner, researcher, or concerned citizen, this book is essential reading for anyone seeking to navigate the complexities of our interconnected world and build a more sustainable and equitable future for all.

— Claire Mellier, Knowledge and Practice Lead, Iswe Foundation, co-initiator and organizer of the first Global Citizens' Assembly

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If you come across someone who tells you he's the only one who knows what to do in this time of polycrisis, don't hesitate, run as far away as fast as you can. My use of the pronoun "he" is intentional, almost always it's a guy who says these sorts of stupid things. We live in a time of collapse and regeneration. It will take our collective intelligence to find our way forward. Much in our world right now relies on our co-stupidity. Our fear, trauma, brokenness and disillusionment. We must find ways to embrace our co-intelligence.

It was 30 years ago that I met a much younger Tom Atlee. A mutual friend – British Socioeconomist and Futurist Robert Theobald called us together in the hills over Oakland. Robert claimed Tom was the most intelligent person he had ever met. Even then, I realize now, Tom was co-intelligent. He listened, he reflected, he postulated, he floundered, he found a way. This book is the harvest of a lifetime's journey. Tom has worked to understand what co-intelligence is and why it is important. He invites us to remember that we are whole and interconnected and that with that awareness, we can be co-creative. He reminds us that we are not alone: we both have each other and we have the presence of an amazing array of non-material beings who are eager to support us as we find our way into a new time. A time that sets aside the separations, the dominance of power over, the extractive nature of our current times.

Tom illustrates how we can find the path forward by listening deeply to each other as we speak our own truths. Conversation matters. More than anything else. He speaks to how we illuminate this path with our stories – sharing true and meaningful experiences with clarity and vulnerability that makes shines a light on our individual and collective next steps.

— Bob Stilger, PhD, Co-Director, NewStories

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Atlee did it again! A pioneer of both the co-intelligence and collective intelligence disciplines, with nearly 30 years of research, writing, and community organizing related to them, the author of this brilliant, future-responsive book offers his visionary perspective on one of the most decisive challenges of our time: "a combination of collaborative intelligence (in the form of collaborations between human and artificial intelligence), collective intelligence, and, most importantly, wisdom will be needed to 'out-compete' or 'out-create' those who would use AI for foolish or nefarious purposes."

— George Pór, Founder of Future HOW, Center of Action Research for Regenerative Futures