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Author of the widely acclaimed book, When Smoke Ran Like Water: Tales of Environmental Deception and the Battle Against Pollution (Basic Books, 2002), which won a National Book Award (the first book on the environment to win this award since *Silent Spring*) epidemiologist Devra Davis is one of the world's most visible and outspoken advocates for improving the environment to protect public health.

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