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Jay H. Withgott has authored *Essential Environment* and its parent volume, *Environment: The Science behind the Stories*, since their inception. In dedicating himself to these books, he works to keep abreast of a diverse and rapidly changing field and continually seeks to develop new and better ways to help today's students learn environmental science.

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