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Ebenhack, Ben W. **The path to more sustainable energy systems: how do we get there from here?**, by Ben W. Ebenhack and Daniel M. Martinez. Momentum, 2013. 192p bibl index ISBN 9781606502600, \$69.95

Writing for an international audience, Ebenhack (petroleum engineering, Marietta College) and Martinez (environmental science, Univ. of Southern Maine) address the potential pathways to more sustainable energy systems. They begin by describing the present state of energy in both developed and developing countries. This provides the background for chapters that address peak oil, environmental impacts, social contexts, and climate change. Small-scale localized energy production has the potential to be of significant value in developing countries where infrastructure costs for supporting broad distribution is a major obstacle. The authors indicate that the growth of solar and wind energy will be a significant part of the transition to more sustainable energy systems over the next 50 years, especially in developing countries where there is a great need to increase the availability of energy. The work includes numerous useful references. **Summing Up:** Recommended. Upper-division undergraduates, graduate students, researchers/faculty, professionals/practitioners, policy makers, and informed general audiences. -- *L. E. Erickson, Kansas State University*