Thomas Andrews will explore the environmental and labor history of coal mining in southern Colorado, culminating in the infamous Colorado coalfield wars of 1913-14.

His Bancroft Prize-winning, *Killing for Coal* offers a bold and original perspective on the Ludlow Massacre and the Great Coalfield War. In a sweeping story that begins in the coal beds and culminates with the deadliest strike in American history, Thomas Andrews examines the causes and consequences of the militancy that erupted in colliers’ strikes over the course of nearly half a century. He reveals a complex world shaped by the connected forces of land, labor, corporate industrialization, and workers’ resistance.

Andrews illuminates the human and environmental transformations that turned a wild Western frontier into a gritty epicenter of union-management conflict. Exploring struggles over social and environmental justice in a nation growing increasingly dependent on the fossilized energy that the miners worked to unearth, he makes a powerful case for rethinking the relationships that unite and divide workers, consumers, capitalists, and the natural world.

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