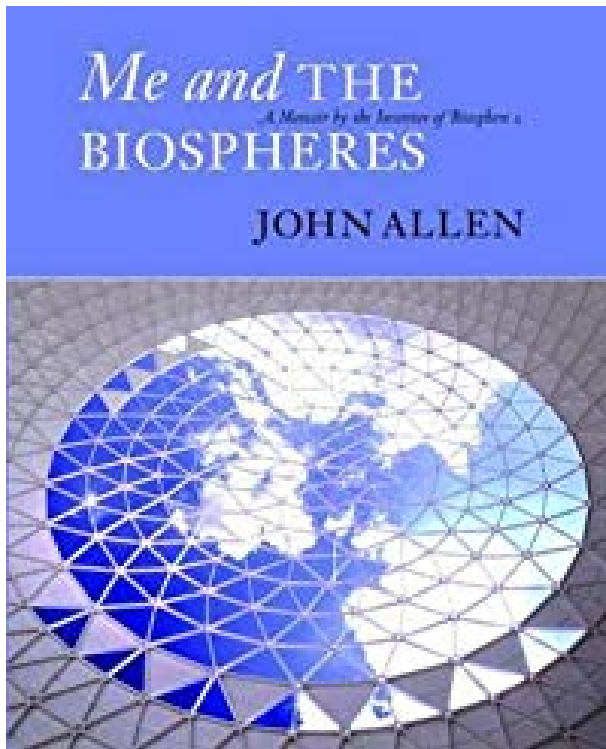


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Eight people lived inside this structure for two years (1991-1993) and set world records in human life support while monitoring their impact on the environment and providing crucial data for future manned missions into outer space. Humorous and reminiscent of Whitman, *Me and the Biospheres* is a tribute to the ingenuity and dauntness of the human mind and a passionate call to reawaken to the beauty of our peer home, Biosphere 1, the Earth.