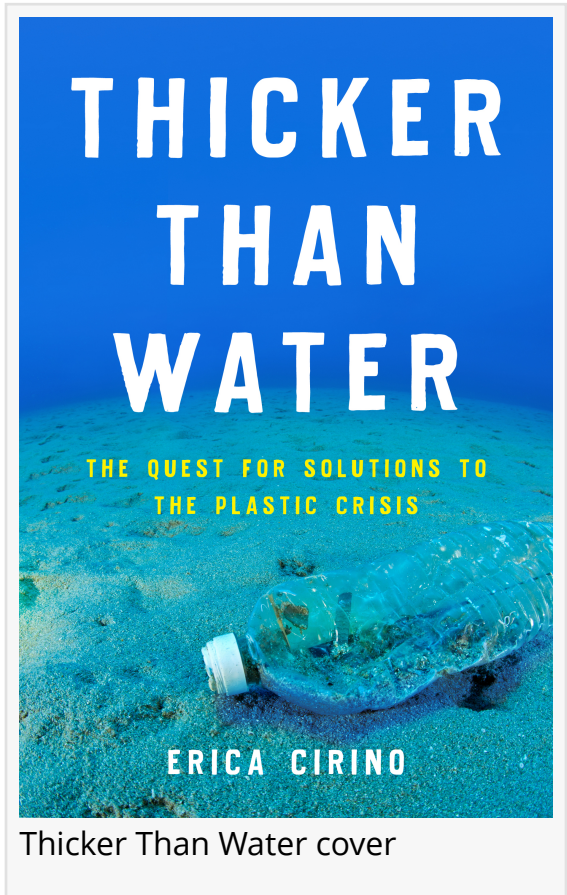


# Now Available— Thicker Than Water: The Quest for Solutions to the Plastic Crisis

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WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, October 12, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Fifty percent of ocean plastic comes from just four items: food containers, wrappers, plastic bags, and bottles. But the consequences of plastic use and pollution are far more insidious, and harmful, than a water bottle floating in the sea. They span from tiny particles of microplastic in our air, food, and water to petrochemical plants, garbage incinerators, landfills, and illegal dumps spewing pollution across underserved communities.

In "[Thicker Than Water: The Quest for Solutions to the Plastic Crisis](#)" (Publication Date: October 7, 2021), journalist [Erica Cirino](#) takes readers on a global journey to meet scientists and activists on the front lines of the plastic crisis as they work to uncover the extent of plastic pollution, reveal its detrimental effects, and develop solutions for a healthier world.



Thicker Than Water cover

Cirino paints a full picture of how plastic threatens the health of people, wildlife, and the planet.

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The book you need to read if you want to understand ocean plastic pollution but also be part of the solution.”

*Paul Greenberg, author "Four Fish and the Climate Diet"*

She travels aboard a plastic-hunting sailboat to cross the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a shape-shifting soup of plastic debris spanning over 600,000 square miles that harms marine life. She visits labs from New York to Denmark, speaking with scientists doing cutting-edge research on how nano- and microplastics impact the people and animals inadvertently ingesting, inhaling, and drinking them.

And in St. James, Louisiana, Cirino meets community leaders fighting a proposed plastic factory

threatening the health of a neighborhood already harmed by pollution and environmental racism. She shows how the plastic crisis is a driver of environmental injustice, as some nations import others' trash and plastic particles, and toxic air emissions threaten predominantly Black and rural communities where materials are commonly manufactured.

From a plastic bag at the bottom of the Mariana Trench to microplastic particles in our food, plastic pollution can seem inescapable. Cirino details an array of inventive solutions, including laws banning single-use plastic items and innovative plastic replacements. However, true change will require accountability, reevaluating a toxic throwaway culture, embracing a circular economy, and confronting systemic inequities.



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