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'Earth Matters' describes the importance of soil, the many ways in which we depend on it, and how humans have worked with the soil throughout history. Exploring the reasons for increasing recognition and respect for soil even among town and city dwellers, Bardgett concludes with a look at current efforts to stop widespread soil degradation.
