

We dedicate this book to all those who have worked so hard for half a century to bring solar electricity to where it is today, and to our colleagues present and future who must work even harder in the next half century to make sure that it fulfills its potential as a widely available clean energy source.

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