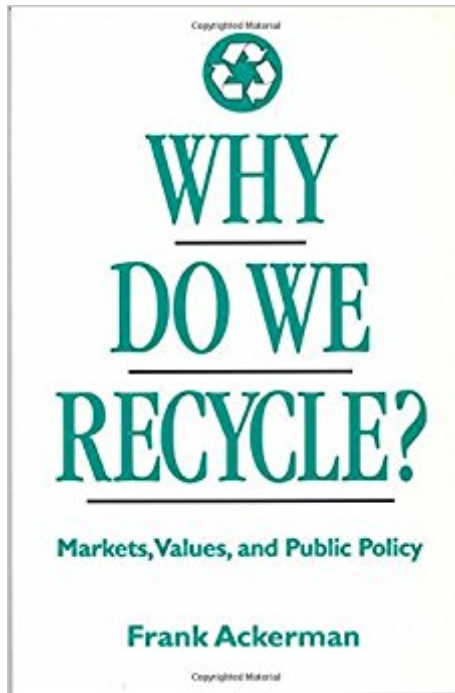


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Why Do We Recycle?: Markets, Values, And Public Policy



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I bought this book because I was writing an 8-10 page essay on recycling; but the information wasn't current and I couldn't use it. However, Frank Ackerman covered some very important points for that time period. I would highly recommend this book for information on recycling.

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