

## Climate Changes

# Top ten easy-read books on climate change



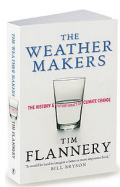
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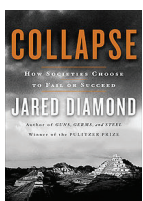
The Earth's climate always keeps changing, but it is the recent acceleration of this change that has caused concern to many scientists, authors and all people with a vested interest in our environment. Our understanding of the beginning of this increased rate of climate change is now thought to have begun with our discovery that the use of fossil fuels increases the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> in our atmosphere, contributing to the greenhouse effect. As we have started gaining greater knowledge of the causes of climate change, there has been a surge of books on the topic. This has been great for all those wishing to read up on the subject but leads to confusion as to which books to choose and which would be the most accessible to those with a limited understanding of the subject.

So here is a list of the top ten books on the subject of climate change, which target people with a passion for the topic but who may not have the necessary knowledge to tackle more advanced works on the subject.



### **The Weather Makers**

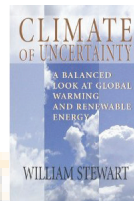
*How Man Is Changing the Climate and What It Means for Life on Earth* by Tim Flannery is written in an easily readable way. He covers many questions that are dealt with in other relevant books but also tackles the question of the future of life.



### **Collapse**

*How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed* by Jared Diamond is not a book about global warming as such, but is more of an account of "how societies choose to fail or succeed".

It provides critical information for evaluating the climate change debate.



### **Climate of Uncertainty**

*Climate of Uncertainty* by William Stewart confronts the issues of global warming, renewable energy, expanding populations and sustainability. This book tackles climate change in a well-balanced, concise, but informative fashion.



### **Cool It**

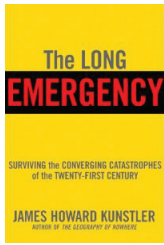
*The Skeptical Environmentalist's Guide to Global Warming* by Bjørn Lomborg provides a fresh, individual perspective on the global warming debate. As the title suggests, its view is controversial but it never argues

that global warming is not happening. What it does argue is that a political component has started appearing in the debate concerning global warming, which overwhelms any other point of view.



### **Unstoppable Global Warming**

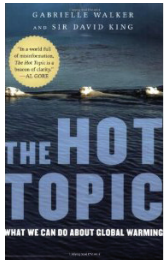
*Every 1,500 Years*, updated and expanded edition by Dennis T. Avery takes on and expands many of the skeptical arguments concerning global warming but without adopting the scathing tone of many other controversial books. The book comprises a summary of research from an extremely wide variety of sources that relate to the question of the Earth's temperature variations.



### The Long Emergency

*Surviving the End of Oil, Climate Change, and Other Converging Catastrophes of the Twenty-First Century* by James Howard Kunstler is a fairly bleak outlook on the effects of global warming and resource depletion. It can be summed up by

the phrase "Fuel Drop + Climate Change + Disease + Water Drop = Great Depression".



### The Hot Topic

*What We Can Do About Global Warming* by Gabrielle Walker is similar to "The Weather Makers" in that it examines a wide range of climate related topics and provides a perfect base of both the theory of global warming and the potential renewable

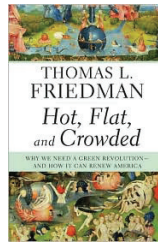
alternatives, on which to build up knowledge of climate change.



### Our Choice

*A Plan to Solve the Climate Crisis* by Al Gore provides readers with information on energy, the population, and resource depletion. Some of the points Al Gore makes are

explained laboriously and may, therefore, take time to comprehend. But despite being fairly large, the book provides scientific facts with simple explanations and covers the science and politics behind the issue of global warming.



### Hot, Flat, and Crowded

*Why We Need a Green Revolution – and How It Can Renew America* by Thomas L. Friedman puts forward the case for clean energy and provides renewable and efficient alternatives and solutions to our use of fossil fuels. He asks for both collaboration and innovation and

ultimately concludes that the economic solutions to achieve this lie in private industry.



### With Speed and Violence

*Why scientists fear tipping points in climate change* by Fred Pearce warns of the accelerating dangers of global warming. He includes melting ice sheets, thawing permafrost, loss of the rainforest, and the collapse of

the Gulf Stream amongst his list of the undesirable effects of global warming.

Apart from considering the purchase of these ten books, you may also be interested in subscribing to the leading international, peer-reviewed journal on responses to climate change, *Climate Policy*, accessible via the link <http://www.earthscan.co.uk/?tabid=480>. The journal provides a high quality of research and analysis on the policy issues raised by climate change, and provides a forum for commentary and debate concerning all the different regions of the world.

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