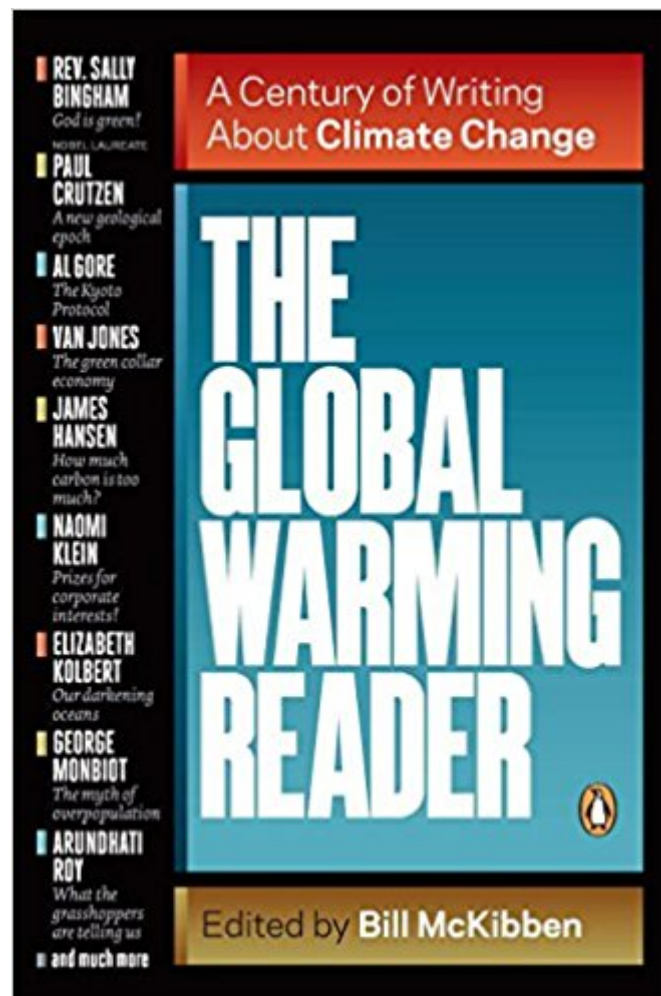


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The Global Warming Reader: A Century Of Writing About Climate Change



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Bill McKibben is the author of *The End of Nature*, and *The Age of Missing Information*. He is a frequent contributor to such publications as *Outside*, *The New York Times*, and *The New York Review of Books*, and a former staff writer at the *New Yorker*.

Interesting stuff included, although I would have liked some more direct rebuttals. In the middle of the book there is a long speech by a conservative senator laying out his qualms with "Global Warming." The book might have done well to include a direct rebuttal to his claims - this coming from a reviewer who has read precious little on the science, and thus would have liked something closer to a dialogue between the opposing sides. (Yes, I know most of the Scientific Community already agrees, but I don't know enough to tell if a dissenter is full of BS or not, so it'd be nice for the Scientists to respond directly in this volume).

This is a great primer on all the issues of global warming from biological to ecological science, with all the world's best environmental scientists included. Bill McKibben has assembled a compendium including many of our top environmental and climate scientists to help the reader understand global warming from every aspect and vantage point of environmental science.

Starts with early scientific recognition that fossil fuel emissions were warming northern Europe over a century ago (and wouldn't that be great, as it was too darn cold, and the growing season too short). McKibben collects key articles through the decades, predicting global warming, documenting (or denying) growing evidence, and vividly recounting impacts of ocean acidification, extreme weather, and other climate changes. A middle section is devoted to efforts to counter anthropogenic damage, from bottom-up individual and community work, to top-down efforts (Rio, Kyoto, Copenhagen...). We hear from young and old, US and international, across cultural and political spectra. This collection shares facts and fiction, fears and frustration, images and hope. Climate and climate science are changing so rapidly that anything in this genre is rapidly rather outdated. Update this reading with the new 2013 IPCC AR5 report - at least the Summary for Policymakers, or the Abstracts by Fire & Water at Evergreen. James Hansen, Elizabeth Kolbert, and other authors in McKibben's collection continue to publish new insights.

I believe every one interested on global warming should read this.

an excellent book for a reader who is just being introduced to the history of global warming. Includes very readable excerpts from important writings by the most important people in this science. After reading this you can make rational argument with anyone you know who's a climate change denier.

This is all stuff we need to know, but much more difficult to wade through than Bill McKibben's other books, which are entertaining and fascinating.

Great orienting book on the topic. Hoping for a follow up!

Great book, bought used at a good price!

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