

Some Climate Change references for your further reading

Al **Gore** (2006) *An Inconvenient Truth - the planetary emergency of global warming and what we can do about it*; London: Bloomsbury. ISBN 0-7475-8906-2, £14.99, www.climatecrisis.net

Full of photos, graphs and clear diagrams, with large print caption - you can get a lot out of it in very little time! Very well put together.

Mayer **Hillman** (2004) *How We Can Save The Planet*; Harmondsworth: Penguin.

ISBN 0-141-01692-2, £7.99, Penguin.com

From back cover: "Here Meyer Hillman explains the real issues we should focus on. Challenging, stimulating and practical, it is the essential guide to help you understand how we can safeguard our future." Full of facts and figures. Also sets out a sound method for individuals or households to calculate their carbon footprint, and explains how you can set about reducing your footprint so that it achieves 'one planet living'. Also full of web sites to follow up.

Bjorn **Lomborg** (2001) *The Skeptical Environmentalist - measuring the real state of the world*; Cambridge UK: Cambridge University Press. ISBN 0-521-01068-3 www.cambridge.com

A highly controversial book - but it is important to always retain a critical faculty.

James **Lovelock** (2006) *The Revenge of Gaia - why the earth is fighting back - and how we can still save humanity*; London: Allen Lane. ISBN 0-713-99914-4 £16.99 (hardback - paperback may now be available) www.penguin.com

From the back cover: "Gaia, the living earth, is old and not as strong as she was two billion years ago. She struggles to keep the earth cool enough for her myriad forms of life against the ineluctable increase of the sun's heat. But to add to her difficulties, one of those forms of life, humans, disputatious tribal animals with dreams of conquest even of other planets, has tried to rule the earth for their own benefit alone ... The time has come when all of us must plan a retreat from the unsustainable place we have now reached through the inappropriate use of technology ..."

If you want to understand the concept of Gaia more, read Lovelock's first book:

Gaia: A new look at life on earth; Oxford University Press, first published 1979, ISBN for 1991 edition is 0-19-286030-5

Chris **Madden** (2004) *The Beast that Ate the Earth*; Incline Press. ISBN 0-9548551-0-8 www.inclinepress.com

Book of hard hitting cartoons.

Mark **Maslin** (2004) *Global Warming - a very short introduction*; Oxford: Oxford University Press. ISBN 0-19-284097-5, £6.99, www.oup.com and www.oup.co.uk/vsi

From the flyleaf: "it unpacks the controversies that surround global warming, presented for a general readership".

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Andrew **McKillop** and Sheila **Newman** (Eds) (2005) *The Final Energy Crisis*; London: Pluto Press. ISBN 0-7453-2092-9, £15.99, www.plutobooks.com

From the back cover: "This book explores the crisis in fossil fuels. Control over oil resources has been a major factor in several wars. The price of oil is key to world economic stability. Yet our supply of oil is limited. ... The international range of contributors to this book provide a truly global perspective on the dangers inherent in our over-consumption of oil, gas and coal."

Aubrey **Meyer** (2000) *Contraction and Convergence - the global solution to climate change: Schumacher Briefing 5*; Totnes: Green Books. ISBN 1-870098-94-3, £5.00, greenbooks@gn.apc.org schumacher@gn.apc.org

From the back cover: "This briefing describes the global policy framework of Contraction and Convergence (C&C), developed by a small organisation called the Global Commons Institute to avert climate change. It is based on the thesis of 'equity and survival'. It seeks to ensure future prosperity and choice by applying the global rationale of precaution, equity and efficiency in that order."

Fred **Pearce** (2006) *The Last Generation - how nature will take her revenge for climate change*; London: Eden Project Books, a division of Transworld publishers.

ISBN: 1-903-91987-8/978-1-903-91987-3, £12.99, www.booksattransworld.co.uk/eden.

From the back cover "Since the last ice age humans have prospered in a stable, predictable climate. But our generation is the last to be so blessed. In *The Last Generation* Fred Pearce [well respected science writer] lays bare the terrifying prognosis of our planet now being sketched out in learned scientific journals. We are at a tipping point. Climate change from now on will not be gradual - nature doesn't do gradual change. In the past, Europe's climate has switched from Arctic to tropical in three to five years. It can happen again."

Peter **Singer** (2004) *One World - the ethics of globalisation*, second edition; New Haven & London: Nota Bene / Yale University Press. ISBN 0-300-10305-0 yalebooks.com £8.99

From the back cover: "One of the world's most influential philosophers here considers the ethical issues surrounding globalisation, showing how a global ethic rather than a nationalistic approach can provide illuminating answers to important problems."

...and maybe...

Jared **Diamond** (2005) *Collapse - how societies choose to fall or survive*; London: Penguin. ISBN 12-978-0-140-27951-1 £9.99

Sunday Times: "Diamond deserves to be heeded. Environmentalist who read him will have their views confirmed. Others, currently neutral, may find their lives changed".

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