

Solving the Climate Crisis: Frontline Reports from the Race to Save the Earth

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John J. Berger's ambitious environmental tome *Solving the Climate Crisis* sets forth practical policy solutions for addressing climate change.

Eschewing doom and gloom, this forward-looking book outlines concrete steps toward mitigating global warming. It chronicles scientific breakthroughs that could drive economic growth in addition to saving the world. It discusses work that can be done at any level to blaze a more sustainable path forward too. In all, there's coverage of clean technologies, inexhaustible resources, and renewable energy, with nuanced suggestions, as with those for financing the transition from fossil fuels.

Though optimistic in tone, the book is forthright about the daunting scale of the challenges. There is political opposition to overcome, there are technical problems to solve, and there's the difficulty of staying below 1.5°C at this late stage. Berger emphasizes the importance of moving forward with candor, noting that banks making net zero pledges while bankrolling fossil fuels lull activists into a false sense of security. And he notes that much climate investment focuses on maximizing returns instead of having the greatest impact. Still, his work remains positive, brainstorming ways to make it more profitable to go green. Its examples, as of cutting-edge technology like the cantilevered solar roof of "the world's greenest building" in Seattle, are evocative.

The book builds to a hopeful conclusion that lays forth how the climate might be stabilized. Pragmatic until the end, Berger itemizes recommendations for climate policies and strategies—a detailed road map pointing forward.

Grounded in the latest scientific literature, *Solving the Climate Crisis* is a sweeping and authoritative environmental book about reining in carbon emissions and creating a more sustainable economy.

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