

Climate Change for Beginners

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Offering a quick, comprehensive overview of the causes, effects, and controversy around global, human-generated climate change, this quick read is an ideal recommendation for young teens. Without dumbing down the relevant science and legal complications, it presents the problems of global warming and pollution in simple, straightforward terms. The comprehensive list of further reading materials located at the back of the book is also ideal for school projects and student research.

Though billed as a comic book, *Climate Change for Beginners* is primarily a text-based work enhanced with intermittent, informal black and white line drawings. At best, the illustrations provide a break in the text and punctuate its main points. Nevertheless, they endow the book with a charming approachability that may appeal to young and reluctant readers. Adults and research-focused students may be frustrated, however, by the grayscale in-page reproductions of graphs and charts that occasionally appear to illustrate the book's point. The similarity of the gray shades sometimes makes chart comprehension difficult.

The book's engaging and easy-to-read style makes what would usually qualify as dense subject matter clear and comprehensible. Positive mentions of students will make youngsters feel as though the book is conscious of them and their interest in the subject. Educators and community groups working with young people should consider it an invaluable resource both for introducing young people to climate change and for further informing teens who already know the general facts.

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