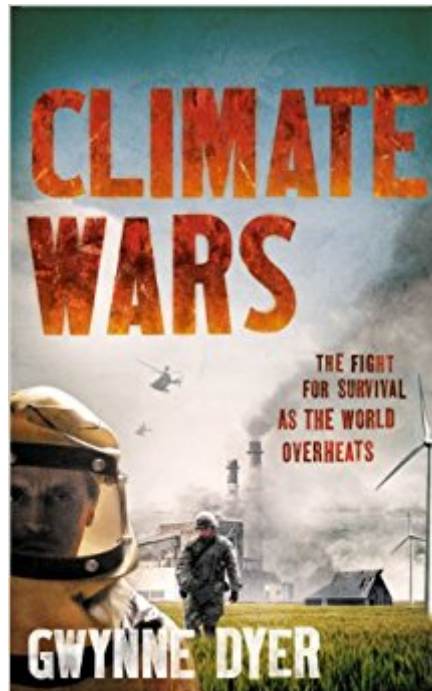




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# Climate Wars: The Fight For Survival As The World Overheats



## Synopsis

Waves of climate refugees. Dozens of failed states. All-out war. From one of the world's great geopolitical analysts comes a terrifying glimpse of the strategic realities of the near future, when climate change drives the world's powers towards the cut-throat politics of survival. Prescient and unflinching, *Climate Wars* will be one of the most important books of the coming years. Read it and find out what we're heading for.

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Civil war in China and the collapse of the European Union by 2045; nuclear strikes between India and Pakistan in 2036; people being blown up by land mines and machine-gunned by automatic weapons at a sealed U.S./Mexican border in 2029 – these are just some of the terrifying climate change scenarios forecast by journalist and geopolitical analyst Dyer (*The Mess They Made*). His apocalyptic predictions are drawn from unimpeachable sources: climate experts like NASA scientist James Hansen and Angela Merkel's climate change adviser, Dr. Hans-Joachim Schellnhuber of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research; military and political sources including former CIA head James Woolsey. Even Dyer's most optimistic scenario is barely cause for celebration: humanity manages to curb global warming enough to save itself, but only after several million deaths and countless disasters. The multitude of sources and the political perspective on global warming make the book scarier and more convincing than the usual predictions limited to climate and weather. Environmentalists will likely be horrified and even more depressed than they are

already, but we can hope that Dyer's sources are impressive enough to convince policy makers to take serious action. (June) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Dated but frightening.

A must-read for people interested in a future for humans on earth

I have read just about every book on climate change published, I think. Every serious book, anyways. (Which means I haven't read anything by denialists such as Pat Michaels or Roy Spencer. So sue me) Dyer's book is, I think, the best. At least, one of the very small handful of "must-read" books. This is not because the science he recounts is especially prescient or cutting-edge. It isn't--although it is completely up to date. He recounts interviews with leading scientists, and nothing regarding the science is lacking. But he brings something to the table that no-one else has. Briefly, Dyer explains how the politics--more specifically, conflicts arising from shrinking resources--of/due to climate change will greatly complicate our ability to respond. Our window of opportunity to act on this planetary crisis will close soon, and it will close because food shortages, especially, but also other problems occasioned by climate change, will make it difficult, at first, and then impossible for governments to cooperate. And without international cooperation, we are doomed. Because it is, after all, a global crisis. Requiring a global solution. By all means, read the relevant works by McKibben, Kolbert, Flannery, Hansen, Gore, etc etc. But read this first, because it captures the geopolitical aspects like no other tome; and it is the politics that will make or break us.

Contrary to what the previous reviewer wrote, this book is a truly excellent examination of the likely geopolitical consequences of man-made global climate change. It goes beyond simply describing what will likely become of the Earth's climate - several other books have already covered that. This book does summarize the science of global warming and the probable effects on our climate, but then describes the flooding in some parts of the world, droughts and famines in others, which will lead to mass migration and conflict. My title was meant to be hyperbolic in order to counter the previous review, which I considered entirely unwarranted. However, this is indeed a great book, and

a chilling warning to humanity.

Global climate change and its consequences is one of the most important issues for the coming years and decades. The book is a contribution to a crucial debate and in principle should deserve wide readership. It is well written, but unfortunately not very well organized. The first chapter "The Geopolitics of climate change" addresses the issue of strategic and political consequences head on and cites from a number of studies carried out by the Armed Forces and think tanks. The different scenarios on how climate change might impact world or regional politics are also interesting and quite plausible. The other chapters, however, are slightly off mark and deal with a number of issues which stray from the central topic, such scientific debates on different warming levels, the history of the climate change debate, possible mitigation measures, etc. Therefore only three stars.

Gwynne Dyer really brings the critical issues regarding the consequences of climate change to the reader in a way that is informed, sobering, and easy to follow. It is not an encouraging read but an absolutely important one.

The more I read from Dyer the more I admire his work. Truly a smart man and I like his manner of not getting too overwhelmed by it all. Nice played out future scenes, but dead on science. Dyer knows his topic. A new article (March 2013) from "The Atlantic" magazine verifies what he's talking about...the military is taking climate change very seriously. Especially the US Navy!

Haven't finished it yet. Doesn't grab my attention the way his columns do, because I think I have trouble putting myself in a place at the future time, which is where much of the book is placed. My problem, not the author's

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