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Ten Billion



Synopsis

A VINTAGE ORIGINAL Just over two hundred years ago, there were one billion humans on Earth. There are now over seven billion of us. And, sometime in this century, the world population will reach at least ten billion. Deforestation. Desertification. Species extinction. Global warming. Growing threats to food and water. The driving issues of our times are the result of one huge problem: Us. As the population continues to grow, our problems will increase. And this means that every way we look at it, a planet of ten billion people is likely to be a nightmare. Stephen Emmott, a scientist whose lab is at the forefront of research into complex natural systems, sounds the alarm. TEN BILLION is a snapshot of our planet, and our species, approaching a crisis, and a stark analysis of where this leaves us. TEN BILLION is not another climate book. TEN BILLION is a book about us.

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Customer Reviews

Short, direct, take no prisoners screed that lays out our core problem - there are already way too many of us and we are only making it worse. Malthus and Ehrlich were correct, although their

inability or unwillingness to take into account human ingenuity made their timing terribly wrong, thus giving us a false - and arrogant - sense of security. This should be required reading for anybody that thinks climate change is the real problem. The earth is finite, and ultimately, so is our ability to increase our numbers infinitely. It's simple arithmetic.

I experienced this as critical reading, written in a massively accessible way. When you consider the enormous challenges we are currently facing and the unprecedented changes we must make in order to thrive - massive accessibility for a mass audience is critically important. This book serves its purpose perfectly. If you're looking for counter arguments and follow-up research, there is an abundance of it available. But I think we've moved past the "research" phase and it'll serve us to start taking massive action.

This isn't really a book. It's more of a powerpoint broken into a book form. Literally maybe 15 pages of content in this thing. The content is good but nothing substantive that you could not find in many better and more in depth publications.

Great book!

It is short and to the point, packed with statistics, a good reference to quote in conversations on environmental and especially human population topics. It spells doom and gloom but then I cannot see how we can possibly avoid that when the deterioration of the planet proceeds faster than the counter-measures taken by humans.

Amazing and eye opening read.

Great to see our world's future put in perspective

I loved the book and am sharing it with others.

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