

# BOOK REVIEW



"COMPELLING... BY TURNS BLEAK AND BEAUTIFUL." —ELIZABETH KOLBERT



## RISING

DISPATCHES *from the*  
NEW AMERICAN SHORE

ELIZABETH RUSH

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**Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore** is an environmental nonfiction book that explores the impacts of climate change and sea-level rise on coastal communities across the United States. Through immersive reporting and personal narratives, Elizabeth Rush travels to regions such as Louisiana, Florida, New York, California, and Rhode Island to document how rising waters are reshaping landscapes and threatening homes, livelihoods, and ecosystems.



The book combines scientific research with firsthand accounts from residents, environmental activists, and scientists who are confronting the realities of climate change. Rush highlights communities that face difficult choices between adapting, relocating, or remaining in increasingly vulnerable areas. By focusing on the human stories behind environmental statistics, she illustrates the social, cultural, and emotional consequences of a changing climate.

Ultimately, *Rising* serves as both a warning about the accelerating effects of climate change and a reflection on resilience, loss, and the future of coastal communities. The book was widely acclaimed and became a finalist for the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in General Nonfiction.

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