



BOOK REVIEW

Title: Rising, Dispatches from New American Shore

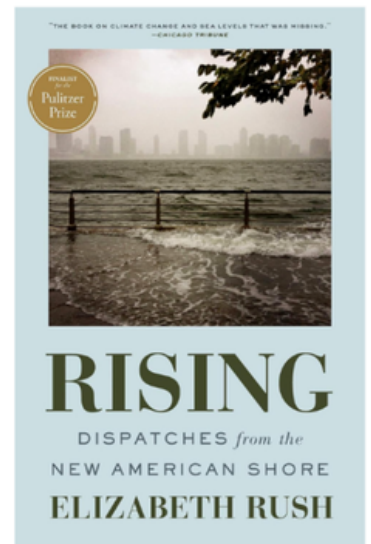
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Reviewer: Chai Hsie Nee (JAS SABAH)



*The book **Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore** was written by Elizabeth Rush and published in 2018. The book contains approximately 320 pages and explores the growing impacts of climate change, particularly sea-level rise and coastal flooding in the United States. Through a combination of environmental journalism, scientific research, and personal narratives, the author highlights how climate change is not a future threat but a current issue affecting communities, ecosystems, and human livelihoods.*

The book is organized into several chapters that document Rush's journeys to different coastal regions across the United States, including areas affected by erosion, flooding, and habitat loss. Throughout the book, she combines interviews with scientists, local residents, policymakers, and environmental experts to explain the causes and consequences of rising sea levels. The narrative approach allows readers to understand the emotional, social, and environmental challenges faced by communities living on the frontlines of climate change.

The main idea of the book is that climate change and sea-level rise are transforming coastal landscapes and forcing society to reconsider its relationship with nature. The author emphasizes that environmental changes not only threaten physical environments but also affect cultural identity, economic stability, and community well-being. The book also highlights the importance of adaptation strategies, scientific understanding, and collective efforts in addressing climate-related challenges.

In terms of structure and organization, the book is well written and engaging, thanks to its blend of scientific information and personal storytelling. The use of real-life experiences, interviews, and field observations makes the complex issue of climate change more accessible and relatable to readers. However, some sections include detailed scientific explanations and descriptions of environmental processes, which may require careful reading for those unfamiliar with climate science.

One of the major strengths of this book is its ability to connect scientific evidence with human experiences, allowing readers to understand climate change from both environmental and social perspectives. The author presents a compelling, emotional narrative that underscores the urgency of climate action. Nevertheless, one limitation is that the book primarily focuses on coastal communities in the United States, which may limit its discussion of climate change impacts in other regions of the world.

Through reading this book, I gained a deeper understanding of the serious consequences of sea-level rise and the importance of developing adaptive strategies to protect vulnerable communities and ecosystems. The book also increased my awareness of environmental conservation and the need for collaborative action among governments, scientists, and society to address climate change.

From an organizational or departmental perspective, this book can serve as a valuable reference for agencies and institutions involved in environmental management, climate adaptation, and coastal planning. The knowledge and insights presented can support environmental education programs, policy development, and strategies to increase public awareness of climate resilience. The target readers of this book include environmental officers, policymakers, researchers, students, academics, urban planners, and individuals interested in climate change and environmental sustainability.

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