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I was disappointed by this book. (I am a retired atmospheric scientist who is convinced that anthropogenic global warming is occurring.) Although this book is intended for a younger audience -- probably middle and high school -- I was hoping to read a text which included the many uncertainties about various mechanisms that may or may not be causing various extreme weather phenomena. I did not find that. The text seemed to mix speculation, theory, and fact without much discernment as to which is which. In addition, although I didn't expect many scientific journals to be cited, I did expect more of the cited articles to be written by scientists for the layman. Instead, the

few citations presented are mostly of the popular press variety. Nevertheless, I did give this book a three star, mainly because it provides, a nice, short survey over a large variety of climate phenomena and identifies the major categories of extreme weather events. If I were a teacher, I might use this text as a resource but only with major discussions in which the class could identify which parts of the text are solidly based on data and which parts are not.

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