

## ***Global Warning: The Last Chance for Change***

By Paul Brown

Reviewed by John David Kurman

The book I reviewed, *Global Warning: The Last Chance for Change* by Paul Brown, is not a fiction book and is, instead, an informational book on global warming. It is very long and I personally read all the picture descriptions before I read the actual book itself. The book is divided into 14 chapters each explaining about different parts of global warming, from the reasons to the results to what we can do. It has excerpts from political surveys and quotes from famous world leaders. It also is packed with informational and inspirational messages and warnings.

For those of you who don't know, global warming is the gradual manmade warming of the Earth's atmosphere. When we burn sources of energy like oil and coal (classified as fossil fuels since they formed from ancient decaying animals) they release a gas known as carbon dioxide. When carbon dioxide reaches the atmosphere, it traps the incoming heat from the sun and keeps it trapped on the Earth. This is slowly warming the Earth and causing glaciers to melt, oceans to rise, deserts to expand and storms to increase in power. It will be very hard to stop carbon emissions because many countries depend on fossil fuel to power their economy.

I personally thought this was a very interesting book because it combined sorrow, hope and urgency. It enforced the need to act quickly to stop global warming by giving definite examples of our near future if we don't cut carbon emissions in ten years. It also gave a window of hope toward a future of renewable energy. Global warming is a much talked about issue and this book is one you would want to read to get the scoop on climate change. I would not suggest this book for young people, for it may be depressing, but if you want to learn about global warming, then this is an excellent book for that purpose.