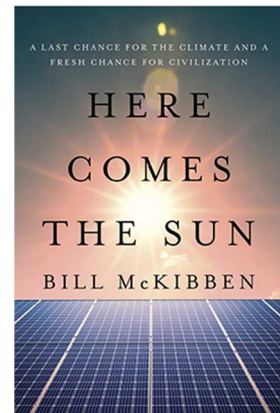


Bill McKibben's Newest Book Reviewed by GH's Elisa Pearmain

As a long-time climate activist, I have followed the writings and activism of Bill McKibben for many years. Now into my 70's I am involved with the organization Third Act (www.thirdact.org) that he founded for climate activists over 60. Bill is an environmental reporter, and a writer for the New Yorker Magazine. He has just released his 21st book called *Here Comes the Sun: A Last Chance for the Climate and a Fresh Change for Civilization*. (W.W. Norton & Co. 2025).

As someone who reads Bill's weekly newsletter, The Crucial Years, (<https://billmckibben.substack.com/>), I can attest to the depth and thoroughness of his research, and connections to people worldwide in the climate sciences. I have read the book and find it both hopeful with what is happening worldwide and scared to death at how little time we have to stop the worst climate changes from continuing. Many of us in the U.S., have bought into the myths that solar is too expensive and out of reach, that batteries are worse for the environment, and that we need fossil fuels to carry us to some future time when we can upscale solar. The facts are in this book to dispel these myths, and the urgency is now.



Here is the official description from the book's jacket. "From the acclaimed environmentalist, a call to harness the power of the sun and rewrite our scientific, economic, and political future.

Our climate, and our democracy, are melting down. But Bill McKibben, one of the first to sound the alarm about the climate crisis, insists the moment is also full of possibility. Energy from the sun and wind is suddenly the cheapest power on the planet and growing faster than any energy source in history -if we can keep accelerating the pace, we have a chance. *Here Comes the Sun* tells the story of the sudden spikes in power from the sun and wind and the desperate fight of the fossil fuel industry and their politicians to hold this new power at bay.

From the everyday citizens who installed solar panels equal to a third of Pakistan's electric grid in a year to the world's fifth-largest economy—California—nearly halving its use of natural gas in the last two years, Bill McKibben traces the arrival of plentiful, inexpensive solar energy. And he shows how solar power is more than just a path out of the climate crisis: it is a chance to reorder the world on a saner and more humane grounds. You can't hoard solar energy or hold its reserves—its available to all.

There's no guarantee we can make this change in time, but there is hope—in McKibben's eyes our best hope for a new civilization: one that looks up to the sun, every day, as the star that fuels our world."
