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“Stephen Schneider is masterful at translating enormously complex scientific principles into a language that we can all comprehend.”

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“Why haven’t we halted global warming in the decades since it became recognized as a major threat to human well-being? What should we do to halt it now? In this crystal-clear, moving, funny book, Stephen Schneider makes a highly complex subject understandable.”

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We’ve known about global warming for four decades, so why has it taken so long for the world to agree on effective action to combat one of the biggest threats facing mankind? The answers are both simple and complicated, and Dr. Stephen Schneider addresses them all in the blockbuster scientific “tell-all” *Science as a Contact Sport: Inside the Battle to Save Earth’s Climate*. Blending the fascinating story of the scientific discoveries that built the case for global warming with blow-by-blow accounts of the infighting and backroom negotiations and delays have brought us to the brink of disaster, Schneider reveals the shadowy history of the decades-long struggle to bring credible global warming science to the world’s attention and offers realistic but hopeful prescriptions for how we can take positive action to avert many dangerous outcomes.

Behind the headlines, behind the debate, this is the story of one man’s unflinching struggle to help us understand and solve the growing problem. No one has fought more publicly and privately to help bring about change . . . and no one has pointed out the signs more clearly. Immediate, accessible, and fearless, *Science as a Contact Sport* is a powerful warning for every global citizen. Learning the lessons of this history is essential, given the high stakes. This is the story of where we’ve been, where we must go next, and how to move beyond the rancor of the battle to save ourselves.

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THE WORLD IS CHANGING. Before our very eyes, we can see the effect of global environmental damage taking its toll: shrinking glaciers, water shortages and excesses, high temperature extremes, hazardous air quality, and erratic weather patterns leading not only to immense property damage but also to untold human suffering and death—with worse to come if we stay on our current path.

We know now that there is a problem, but spurring the world to action has been a decades-long struggle, and Dr. Stephen Schneider has been on the front lines of the charge to understand the science, explain the warnings, and mitigate the damage we’ve inflicted upon the environment and ourselves. One of the world’s leading climatologists, founder of the journal *Climatic Change*, and senior participant in the Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Schneider has been instrumental in framing both the internal debates within the scientific community and the very public debate on understanding and dealing with climate change.

Science as a Contact Sport is Schneider’s firsthand account of a scientific and political odyssey, in which he navigates both the turbulent waters of the world’s power structures and the arcane theater of academic debaters. From the initial stages of understanding the science of human-induced climate change to predicting the consequences of our actions 10, 50 and even 250 years out, Schneider has played an integral role in the debate. Few people know more about the struggles that have taken place behind the scenes and the people who try to repair the damage, as well as those who will stop at nothing to deny that climate change is happening. In this riveting memoir Schneider shares his unique eyewitness perspective on an era of scientific discovery and debate that may well be one of the most important periods of time in Earth’s history.

Schneider’s efforts have helped bring about critical measures to safeguard our planet, but there’s still more to be done to get them implemented. This is a battle, and no one knows that better than Schneider—he’s fought with and against presidents, prime ministers, legislators, mayors, CEOs, movie and media stars, lobbyists, journalists, and even his fellow scientists to bring good science and workable solutions to the world.