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There was this chap who, having heard of the dreadful effect it was having on the ozone layer, went round and smashed his neighbour's greenhouse. You can't blame him, going by some of the shock tactics used by journalists and information writers to make simple copy out of a diffuse and complex situation. But the earth is getting warmer - the 1980s were the warmest decade on record - and the likelihood of another ice age at 12000 AD isn't much comfort when we realise this warming is artificial, caused by human activity filling our atmosphere with heat-retaining gases. Laurence Pringle shows carefully how this is happening before using 'dirty crystal balls' to predict the effects of this warming - basically sea higher, land drier, but by no means that simple. Now if this situation is of human creation, is human control possible? Pringle thinks it is, and also that human activity must adapt to the coming changes that it cannot influence. However this is done - mainly by cutting down gases and planting more trees - Pringle warns that it needs international co-operation on an unaccustomed scale to allow the survival of our planet to be a benefit to its inhabitants. Pringle writes with a modest authority to produce the most readable and understandable 'young' text on global warming that I have yet met. The publishers have wisely chosen to hold back on fancy layout beloved by many of their competitors and to give the words the space they deserve. The result is an entirely rewarding experience which makes this book essential for middle and secondary school libraries and, if you value your greenhouse, for your neighbours as well.

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