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From Publishers Weekly
Flannery (*The Weather Makers*) makes a valuable contribution to global warming literature with this slim and eloquent brief that challenges readers to dispense with the dangerous notion that the earth was made for us—a convenient extrapolation of social Darwinism that the author argues is used to justify reckless treatment of the environment and smacks of embarrassing impracticality and myopia. He states that humans were made to shepherd the Earth through environmental crises and contribute to the efficiency of its massive metabolism; humans are the brains of this complex system and must make bold choices to either save the *corpus totum* or destroy it. A re-evaluation of human purpose on Earth is required, Flannery maintains, with a true understanding of sustainability removed from trendy green marketing connotations. Flannery's compelling arguments and accessible language will move the passive bystander, persuade the skeptic and rouse the activist. *(Oct.)*
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Review
"Shocking . . . [Flannery] writes for a general audience with passion and clarity." -- Jim Hansen

About the Author

Tim Flannery is one of the most celebrated scientists of our time. He is the bestselling author or coauthor of several books, including The Weather Makers, The Eternal Frontier, and Chasing Kangaroos, and a professor at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. He is chairman of the Copenhagen Climate Council and a judge for Richard Branson's Virgin Earth Challenge, and he was named Australian of the Year in 2007. Michael Page has been recording audiobooks since 1984 and has over two hundred titles to his credit. He has won several AudioFile Earphones Awards, including for The War That Killed Achilles by Caroline Alexander and The Lies of Locke Lamora by Scott Lynch. As a professional actor, Michael has performed regularly since 1998 with the Peterborough Players in Peterborough, New Hampshire. He is currently a professor of theater at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he lives with his wife, Jane, and two daughters, Camilla and Chloe (when they are not away at college). He has a particular interest in Shakespeare and Eastern European theater and travels frequently to Hungary and Romania.

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