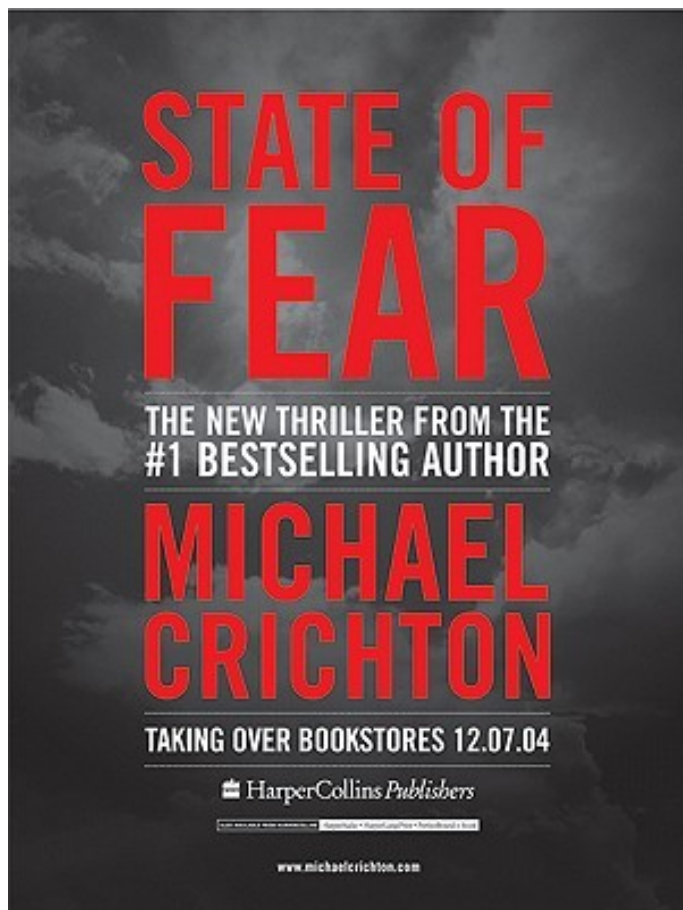


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# Michael Crichton

## State of Fear



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## Description

In Paris, a physicist dies after performing a laboratory experiment for a beautiful visitor.

In the jungles of Malaysia, a mysterious buyer purchases deadly cavitation technology, built to his specifications.

In Vancouver, a small research submarine is leased for use in the waters off New Guinea.

And in Tokyo, an intelligence agent tries to understand what it all means.

Thus begins Michael Crichton's exciting and provocative technothriller, *State of Fear*. Only Michael Crichton's unique ability to blend science fact and pulse-pounding fiction could bring such disparate elements to a heart-stopping conclusion.

This is Michael Crichton's most wide-ranging thriller. *State of Fear* takes the reader from the glaciers of Iceland to the volcanoes of Antarctica, from the Arizona desert to the deadly jungles of the Solomon Islands, from the streets of Paris to the beaches of Los Angeles. The novel races forward, taking the reader on a rollercoaster thrill ride, all the while keeping the brain in high gear. Gripping and thought-provoking, *State of Fear* is Michael Crichton at his very best.

## Insightful reviews

Jack: OK, so, controversy concerning global warming aside, this is a pretty solid effort from Crichton. Particularly more engrossing than [Timeline](#) although probably not as believable as [Prey](#). His readers seem to understand and expect that he will take rather liberal license with stretching the realm of scientific possibility in his stories, but the point is his skeptic characters' sure seem to believe it and that's good enough for me. The point is, storywise, I think this is pretty solid.

I'm not sure exactly why Crichton is so adamantly anti-Global Warming but I'm not particularly opposed to a healthy dose of skepticism. And I agree that his analysis of the data is definitely where the debate needs to be, not this battle of special interests we are having right now. Still, those on the greener end of the scale like myself may be troubled by his conclusions.

Tippy Jackson: Alright, I've waited to review this book long enough. The fact is, I waited so long because I could never find enough hate filled words to accurately describe my opinion of this book. However I don't think I'll ever find them, so here it goes.

A new goodreads friend asked me why I hate Michael Crichton. I decided I'll post my response here as my review:

As for Crichton, well it's kind of a long story. I'll tell you, but I'll understand if you choose to skip it. You'll notice that *Jurassic Park* and *Time Line* are still some of my favorite books, but he really lost me with his "*State of Fear*." It's not just that he is a climate change denier, but more

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that he completely and totally misrepresents and LIES about science in the process, then claims that he is the only person without an agenda. And even though it is a work of fiction, he makes sure to emphasize that he is writing about the truth in an afterward.

I'll give you a specific example. In *State of Fear* he calls out a lot of "real" research on climate change. One of the arguments he makes is that climate models are not even close to accurate and then he shows a graph from a peer reviewed publication from several years ago that modeled current climate and was grossly incorrect. Then he basically said "see, climate models are inaccurate." But, if you look at the publication he supposedly took it from, the author had 3 possible climate models-one that shows predicted climate if there was a dramatic decrease in carbon emissions, one, the most likely one, shows predicted climate if there was no change in carbon emissions and one that showed what the climate would look like if there was a dramatic increase in carbon emissions. The author stated that this model was incredibly unlikely. Still, this is the only graph Michael Crichton put in his book, claiming that the author exaggerated the effects of climate change. The most likely graph was actually incredibly accurate.

Further, his entire shitty book is one straw man argument after another, with a ridiculous plot and characters. Every person in his book that believes climate change is happening is a caricature. He has a naive grad student, who learns better once someone explains to her the "truth," a hypocrite actor that preaches for environmental causes but rides in a private jet and has a huge house, a greedy lawyer and environmental groups that profit from the belief in climate change. The characters that don't believe in climate change are suave government agents in nice suits that basically go around and school everyone about how climate change is a farce.

The "plot" is that the environmental groups (terrorists, of course) are going to blow things up (like a piece of Antarctica and glaciers) and create fake tsunamis and such in order to prove that climate change is real so that they can get protection and money from the government. That's right, they are going to destroy the environment and alter the weather so that they can get money and support to stop the destruction of the environment and a changing climate. ????

What finally got me though was his claim that stopping DDT use ended up causing more cases of malaria and implied that Rachael Carson (he never said her name, but you knew who it was) was responsible for the death of thousands of children. This hit home because now he's in MY field. Climate science is not my area of expertise, but biology IS.

As Rachael Carson points out in *"Silent Spring"* (I noticed it's in your to-read list-yay!) using DDT just selects for DDT resistant mosquitoes, who reproduce and have immunity against our pesticide. Plus, since the chemical kills other animals as well, it kills off the natural predators of the mosquitoes, and since prey items always reproduce faster than their predator counterparts, populations of mosquitoes actually greatly increased in areas where DDT was used after a period of 2-3 years. Rachael Carson cites REAL studies. Not to mention in *"The Coming Plague"* the author explains in detail the work of scientists in Bolivia, where using DDT killed off the birds of prey and many cats, causing an increase in rat populations that allowed the deadly spread of a hemorrhagic disease.

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This type of misinformation is what I'm constantly fighting against on a daily basis (through my job). I have heard many of Crichton's arguments repeated back to me and it drives me insane. I've even heard people talking about it on the bus. Look at the reviews for this book! How many people have been taken in and feel as if they're more informed because they've read it. It's disgusting. What worse is that everything he says has a hint of truth in it. It's believable. It makes sense, on the surface, that ending the use of a pesticide that kills mosquitoes would increase malaria. It's so easy to believe if you don't know more about it.

Anyway, if you doubt anything I just said, just pick up the book. You'll be shocked at what you read. I don't know that you'll be able to stomach it long enough to finish it (I read over 600 pages of it, but stopped 70 pages before the end. I just couldn't go on; it was making me sick.) I don't know what happened to Crichton, but it was an incredible disappointment. I used to like his writing, too. But I can't forgive this pack of lies that has aided in ignorance on such a grand scale.

End of Michael Crichton rant. On to a happier place with better books.

tENTATIVELY, cONVENIENCE: This is propaganda written by an ultra-rich person. Utterly despicable. I just thought Crichton was mediocre until I read this. Now I think he's insidious. There're 2 basic thrusts: Global Warming is a myth & ecology activists are phenomenally stupid. I don't actually have much of an opinion about global warming one way or the other so I don't hate this novel so much b/c it's a threat to mass consciousness there. I hate it b/c it's so repulsively propagandistic (w/o any self-acknowledgement as such).

The basic plot is what you'd expect: a thriller about 'good' vs 'evil'. The 'evil' people are the ELF, the Earth Liberation Front - whose name, of course, is directly slanderous of the actual ELF & Earth First!. One of the 'good' guys is John Kenner. Strangely enuf, ELF is just a bunch of dumb hippies who somehow manage to have one of the most diabolically clever plots to technologically create eco-disasters ever conceived of. How such bumbling idiots have such genius for invention & planning is never explained. Of course, in formula-writing-world, the 'evil' plot HAS to be diabolical so that the 'hero's' genius for defeating it can be exciting.

Kenner, contrary to the dupes & imbeciles of the ecological activists, is a superhuman genius: you know, the guy who can recite an encyclopedic array of scientific 'facts' from memory & shoot machine guns while parachuting? The guy who makes 007 look like a kindergarten student? Highly intelligent but also w/ a perfectly honed killing machine body - one of these 'geniuses' that we know constitute the US ruling elites that justly run this world for the better of mankind? Right. Who on earth believes this crap anymore?! Apparently Crichton does & the extreme popularity of his bks might indicate that many people at least get off on such myths.

Mark Sawkar: "The chance of worldwide warming is largely nonexistent. whether it have been a true phenomenon, it'll most likely lead to a web profit to lots of the world." -p407 I simply entire examining "State of Fear," Michael Crichton's (creator of ER and writer of Jurassic Park, Timeline, and plenty of others) most up-to-date novel. We mentioned this a number of months in the past yet i have to say this e-book quite is a scrumptious slap within the face for ill-informed environmentalists. in case you have environmentalist leanings, or imagine that international

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warming is important, or maybe real, do your self a desire and skim this book. it truly is an pleasing approach to carry your self out of the haze of junk technological know-how and histrionic propaganda that's disseminated by means of the media in an effort to advertise the environmentalist agenda. The book, like every Crichton novels, is carefully researched and the result's a chic mixture of technological know-how and know-how on one hand and suspense, secret and motion pushed plot at the other. Moreover, whereas the e-book is fiction, the study dicussed therein is actual and punctiliously documented with actual references. there's a lot to profit from this novel, in additional methods than one, it really is downright Randian.

Brooke: stories for this booklet appear to revolve round what the reviewer thinks approximately worldwide warming - the extra adverse stories appear to think about the message of the publication negligent and dangerous, and the extra confident reports appear to imagine their disbelief of worldwide warming is validated. either stances appear to leave out a few of what Crichton is positing. basically he says that once it involves our environment, we aren't doing an exceptional task of carefully and systematically learning it and utilizing the consequences to make sound coverage decisions. The "author's note" on the finish the place he speaks on to the reader definitely does not kingdom that international warming does not exist, that human job does not give a contribution to it, or that we must always do not anything approximately it. He essentially says his three-year evaluation of the present learn exhibits that we do not be aware of something approximately the environment correctly adequate for you to do something for it in a dependable way, partially as a result of learn being stimulated through its investment assets and politics. He additionally opines that environmental teams are caught within the Seventies and have not stored up with what technological know-how has come across due to the fact then. Using technological know-how extra responsibly to make larger judgements approximately our global does not appear like one of these harmful message. As a fictional thriller, kingdom of worry hit all of the anticipated notes with out emerging to the standard point of a few of Crichton's past books. it is overly lengthy yet is going by way of lovely quickly. Like a Dan Brown thriller, there is a lot of characters getting used as mouthpieces to percentage issues the writer researched, and never regularly within the so much ordinary way. in line with my expectancies going in, i've got no complaints.

Mike (the Paladin): If you have got learn lots of my studies you recognize it isn't strange for me to open a evaluate with whatever like "This is a fascinating book" or just "Interesting". That applies right here also. I appeared via many of the different reports of this ebook and that i locate that during many if no longer so much situations the "number of stars within the rating" relies seriously on no matter if you compromise with the stance of the most personality (or one of many major characters, Kenner is the spokesman in lots of the narratives however the protagonist is Evans). Anyway...where was once I? Oh, Yeah. The book's tale telling isn't really undesirable and whereas i have learn greater by way of Crichton, i have additionally learn worse. I did become involved with the plot and beloved the characters particularly good (though Peter did gripe me a piece for a while. the item is he used to be alleged to so i actually cannot complain). i discovered the objections raised via a number of different reviewers to be unfounded, the ebook is lovely good...and seeing that I principally accept as true with it, I gave it a bump from 3.5 to four stars. The booklet itself offers with the worldwide warming controversy. the most personality is a attorney (sorry attorney) operating for a wide environmental organization. throughout the process the booklet buried (or scattered) amidst the book's plot are

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dialogs and discussions approximately acknowledged controversy. AND certain the book's element is that a lot that's assumed approximately international warming is simply that, assumed. whereas it's the case that if an writer desires to make some degree and he is writing each side of a talk the playing cards are a section stacked in his favor, right here Crichton does a pretty credible activity of delivering objections. (though from the opposite studies i have learn a few disagree with me.) i have run on the various issues acknowledged the following and i have adventure occasions just like the ones pictured within the book. it is going to were effortless for Crichton to have indulged in Straw guy arguing, in general he avoids this. the image of those debates (and the folks who try and turn out the unprovable and after they cannot as a rule refuse to recognize fact is real. i do know a few of them) units the backdrop for a narrative of environmental terrorists who got down to engineer environmental disasters. From this they'll identify credibility...and get funds from donors. on reflection i will see why reviewers in sympathy with acknowledged place will possibly not deal with the book. So, remember and if you are primarily a world warming zealot possibly you provide this one a pass. If nevertheless you're thinking that the facts for human triggered worldwide warming could have been a little bit overstated (like Nobel Prize winner Dr. Ivar Giaever who "quit" the the USA Physics Society over their stance that the proof used to be "incontrovertible" with which he "strongly" disagreed) or should you think of your self to nonetheless be undecided, perhaps you are attempting the book. hiya the story's lovely good. The arguments are not undesirable (though I see a few who disagree with me there...wonder why?) In different words, now not a nasty learn and from time to time lovely good. there is a great strange homicide weapon and a few gratifying motion to compliment the debates. Enjoy...if it is your cup of tea.

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