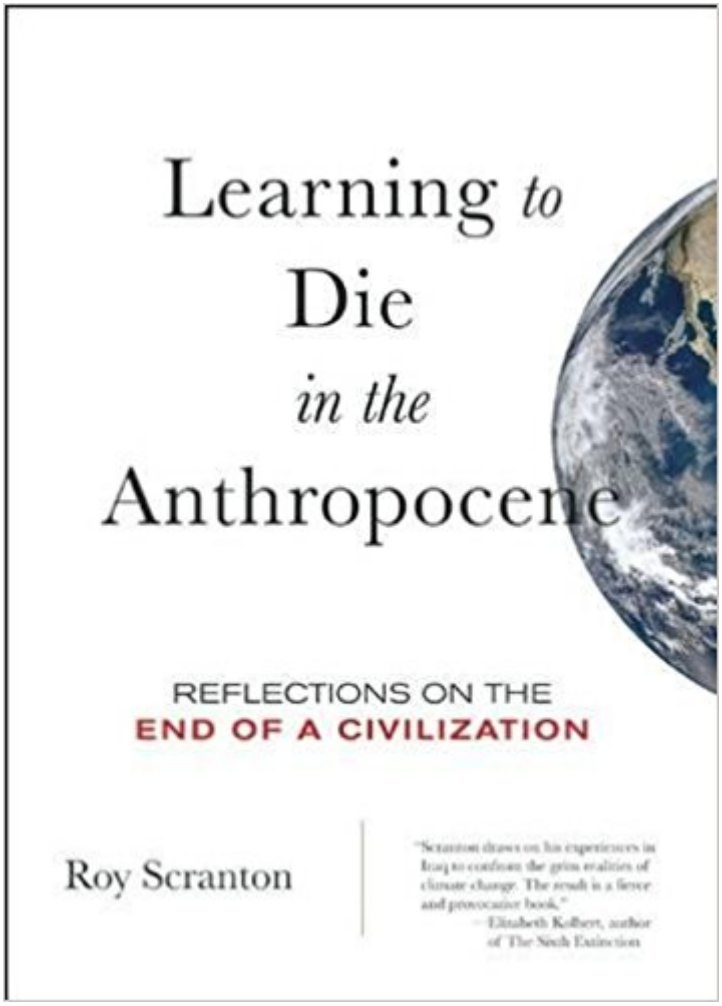
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mortality.Plato argued that to philosophize is to learn to die. If thatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s true, says Scranton, then we have entered humanityÃ¢â ¬â„¢s most philosophical age--for this is precisely the problem of the Anthropocene. The trouble now is that we must learn to die not as individuals, but as a civilization.Roy Scranton has published in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Rolling Stone, Boston Review, and Theory and Event, and has been interviewed on NPR's Fresh Air, among other media.

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Well written with a lot of referenced material. It provides thought provoking information about what may be the end of the current human civilization. The author does provide a ray of sunshine in the last chapter by stating that while there be devastating consequences of climate change a portion of our species will probably survive.

Wonderful, very intelligent, fine book. A poetic and scientifically valid read. A wonderful book for a climate crisis activist like me.

Very good, although certainly not for everyone. It takes a steely eye to look into this abyss, but if you want to read words that nobody else dares print, give it a look.

This is possibly the most important of all communications about the crisis faced by planet Earth. Sobering, honest, horrifying and wise. A prophet whose voice should be heard.

It's a little shorter than what I exoected. Roy combines some key points in (what I consider) stoicism philosophy and Zen Buddhism along with interpretations of the origins of the Universe and evolution to deliver a quiet prayer for the end of the human race. It's a sobering read but necessary soul searching for those who are ready to accept our upcoming demise.

This small and concise book presents the ecological likelihood of our human fate, the blinkered and predatory ways we are dealing with it, the inescapable human reliance of violence in the case of threat, and the lack of any real control in ensuring our continuity . Roy Scranton, a former soldier, has written a deeply thoughtful essay. It is a call to accepting our mortality while working to continue what has been deepest and most enduring in our culture. One may or may not agree with any of the specific arguments here, but there is no doubt that this book places all the crucial issues on the table.

Premise is really scary! It's sad that we have gotten to this point. Almost makes you wonder if we

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This book delves into the reality of the current crisis that society faces with catastrophic climate change, from a philosophical perspective. Helping the reader to accept the end of civilization as we know it.

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