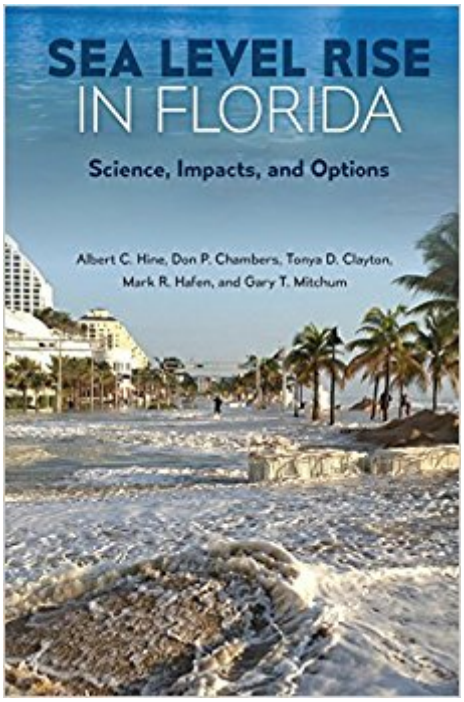
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If I had the power to create a required reading list for Florida coastal residents, business owners, conservationists, and law-makers, Sea Level Rise in Florida would be at or near the top of the list.In plain, but compelling language and with outstanding graphics and illustrations, the authors relate what is happening in regards to sea level and its measurement, the impact that the changes are having (and will continue to have), and directions that citizens and communities might look to address the issues that face us ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“science, impacts, options.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•The authors carefully package the scientific data in a way that is not ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“dumbed downÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• but is still easily accessible to everyone - even someone like myself who spent a lifetime in the humanities, not the sciences.This book is about what is happening now. It is both a wakeup call and a call to action.Hopefully we are all listening.

A clear and easy read despite all the data and footnotes needed to show the validity of the various authors' perspectives. Maybe because of all the data, one leaves the collection of essays with greater conviction than if the articles were breezy and cutesy. Hine et al. do a superb job in this thin but impressive book.

Excellent book. Shipped well. Thank you.

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