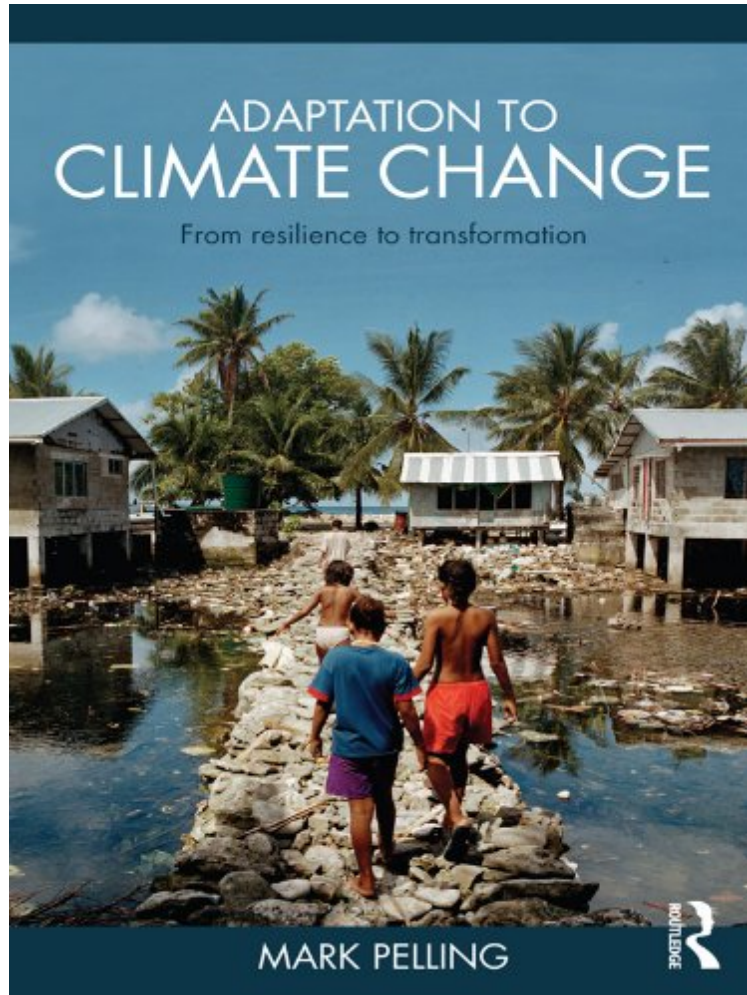


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8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Climate Change Adaptation without the fluff By Jsanz77 After reading several books on this topic I came across Pelling's "Adaptation to Climate Change. From resilience to transformation"I wish I had read this book before any other related material. Mark Pelling is an expert on the Disaster Risk Reduction and the Climate Change Adaptation fields and he definitely does not hold back in this book. It is a "must read" for everyone in the development field and for anyone searching for clear, unbiased, well- balanced, and a fact-based comprehensive analysis of the social dimensions to climate change adaptation. Instead of reading the often too technical IPCC Assessment Reports, this book provides the reader with an explanation on the importance of adaptation to climate change while going into detail into the resilience- transition- transformation framework to adaptation. The case studies throughout the book (from Hurricane Mitch to our own Hurricane Katrina) do a great job

supporting the evidence provided by the author and give specific examples on the importance of countries (both developed) and developing, adapting to the immediate effects of climate change. Pelling's "Adaptation to Climate Change" is not a painful collection of data aiming to frighten everyone about the effects of climate change (we have enough of those type of materials), but an easy-to-read book aimed to inform the reader about the importance of it, while explaining actions that can be taken at the local level to adapt to the effects of climate change. It will definitely be a global reference in the climate change adaptation field. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. We are on the threshold of new coming world and as Mark Pelling notes it is adaptation with climate change not to climate change. By H Park The book offers new insights to the issue of climate change adaptation. It is the first book, as the author notes, to touch upon the social dimension of climate change adaptation with due consideration of institution and institutionalism. There are lots of interesting contents that you would not find from other technology- and economics based accounts for the issue. This book is a must-read, particularly for lay people as well as researchers who want to get sense of what we need to do to understand the needs as well as the measures forward. I have found the book extremely useful for my own research.

The impacts of climate change are already being felt. Learning how to live with these impacts is a priority for human development. In this context, it is too easy to see adaptation as a narrowly defensive task — protecting core assets or functions from the risks of climate change. A more profound engagement, which sees climate change risks as a product and driver of social as well as natural systems, and their interaction, is called for. Adaptation to Climate Change argues that, without care, adaptive actions can deny the deeper political and cultural roots that call for significant change in social and political relations if human vulnerability to climate change associated risk is to be reduced. This book presents a framework for making sense of the range of choices facing humanity, structured around resilience (stability), transition (incremental social change and the exercising of existing rights) and transformation (new rights claims and changes in political regimes). The resilience-transition-transformation framework is supported by three detailed case study chapters. These also illustrate the diversity of contexts where adaptation is unfolding, from organizations to urban governance and the national polity. This text is the first comprehensive analysis of the social dimensions to climate change adaptation. Clearly written in an engaging style, it provides detailed theoretical and empirical chapters and serves as an invaluable reference for undergraduate and postgraduate students interested in climate change, geography and development studies.