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ABOUT THE BOOK

A guide to tackling the climate crisis from a prominent activist working on the front lines! Mikaela Loach's approach is one of HOPE and bighearted optimism, inspiring kids and making them feel truly empowered to change the world.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

MIKAELA LOACH is a British Jamaican former medical student, climate justice organizer, and director of the AWETHU School of Organising, who has been named by *Forbes*, BBC Women's Hour, and *The Guardian* as one of the most influential women in the UK climate movement. Her first book, *It's Not That Radical: Climate Action to Transform Our World*, was an instant indie bestseller. She was named the 2023 Non-Fiction Indie Champion by Bookshop.org and one of the "World's Top Thinkers" by *Prospect Magazine*. Mikaela has boldly challenged powerful entities, calling out billionaires at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's annual event, taking the UK government to court in the landmark "Paid To Pollute" case in 2021, and challenging Shell's CEO and board for their human rights abuses against the people of the Niger Delta in Nigeria.



BEFORE READING

1. Checking in with our feelings: Read the statements in the chart below. Draw an emoji (or digitally add one) and write a few words that represent how you are feeling.

When I think of the earth and the environment, I feel . . .	
When I hear the phrase <i>climate change</i> , I feel . . .	
When I think about youth making a difference, I feel . . .	

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2. **Brain dump!** Consider the words below. Write everything you know about these words.

It's okay if you do not know a lot!

Climate Change	Climate Justice	Political Education
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3. **Local and global issues**

- Write a list of any climate issues that you are aware of that impact you and your local community.
- Write a list of any climate issues that you are aware of that impact the whole world.

LET'S BUILD A BETTER WORLD TOGETHER

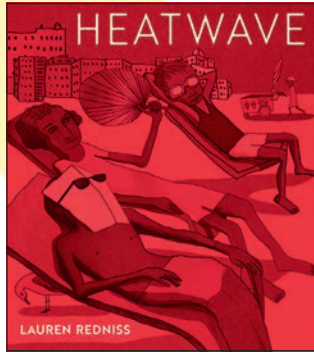
AFTER READING

1. **Poetry Break.** Follow in Mikaela's footsteps and write a poem related to how you feel about climate change. Challenge yourself to share your poem with friends, family, and your community.
2. **Write your story.** Mikaela says, "When you're trying to convince people of things, it's often much better to use stories rather than just statistics." (p. 157) Choose a climate issue that you are passionate about and write about how you are connected to this issue. Use the postcards from this kit to share your thoughts with elected officials. Consider recording your story in a format (video, audio recording, social media post) that can be easily shared with others online as well.
3. **We are all connected.** In chapter 5 Mikaela talks about how the practice of examining her individual impact lead her to "understanding how inseparable my life was—and is—from the lives of other humans all over the world." (pg. 43) Make a list of the ways your life is connect to others around the world. Encourage your neighbors, classmates, etc. to join you. Discuss how fixing the problems of our fellow humans can help in our climate justice fight.
4. **Read Climate Fiction.** Form a Climate Book Club with friends and neighbors (adults, kids, and teens) in your community to learn more about climate issues, stimulate discussions, and inspire action! A Climate Book Club has the potential to foster a deeper understanding of environmental issues while creating a supportive community of people passionate about making a difference. Check out the next page for some suggested titles.

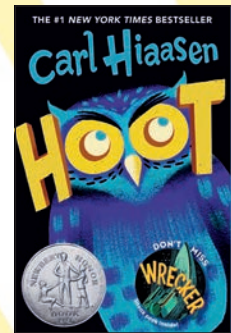
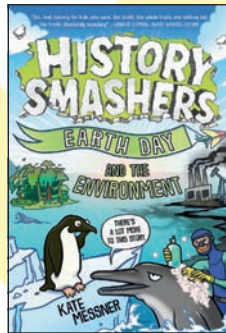


RECOMMENDED READING FOR YOUR CLIMATE BOOK CLUB

PICTURE BOOKS



MIDDLE GRADE



YOUNG ADULTS

