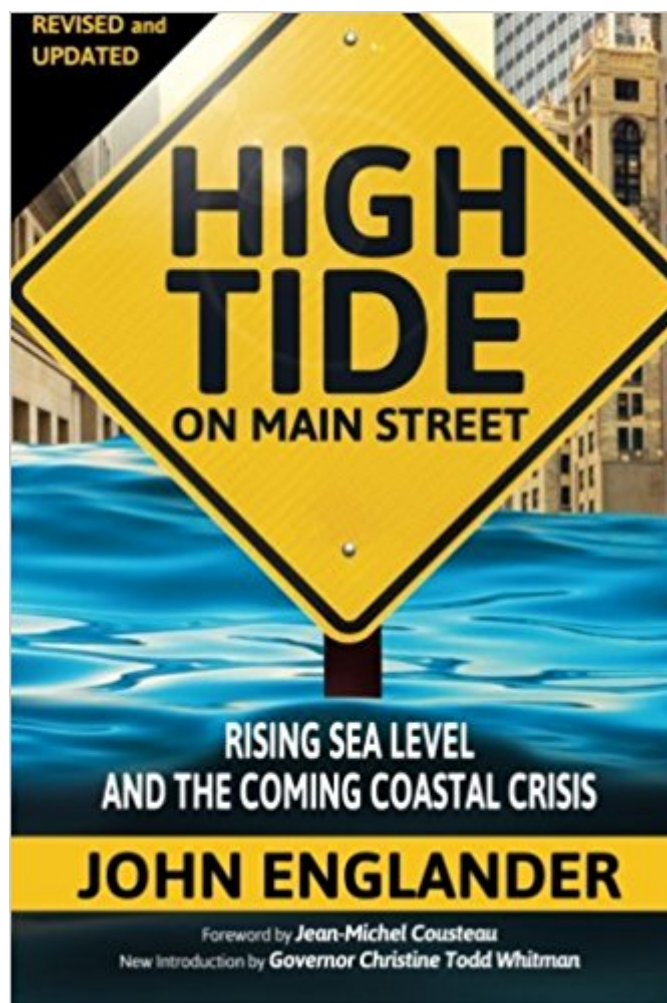


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High Tide On Main Street: Rising Sea Level And The Coming Coastal Crisis



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John Englander is an oceanographer and global ocean explorer with expeditions under the polar ice cap, deep dives in research submarines and visits to Greenland and Antarctica. His mission is to be a clear voice on our changing climate and oceans. Mr. Englander's broad marine science background coupled with majors in Geology and Economics allows him to see the big picture on climate and look ahead to the large scale financial and societal impacts, particularly as they relate to sea level rise. For over 30 years, Englander has been a leader in both the private sector and the non-profit arena, serving as CEO for such noteworthy organizations as The Cousteau Society and The International SeaKeepers Society, and The Underwater Explorers Society (UNEXSO). He is now President of the Sea Level Institute, working with businesses, government agencies, and communities to understand the financial risks as increasing severe storms and long term sea level rise challenge us to adapt to a shoreline that will move inland for centuries. Mr. Englander is a Fellow of the Institute of Marine, Engineering, Science and Technology, and The Explorers Club. He is a member of the American Geophysical Union and several other scientific societies. He blogs at www.johnenglander.net

High Tide on Main Street is a book that will make you wake up. This easy read gives a clear understanding that man (and woman) is creating changes to our climate and these changes could have a detrimental impact on existing society. John Englander provides credible evidence for such thoughts and gives the reader an inside look at the future of our coastal regions, and it is not a hopeful one. It not only goes into depth of possible infrastructure risks and the economics associated but the book also gives a chilling realization of human displacement. I recommend this book to anyone because this read is compulsive as you turn the pages hoping to find settling news. Unfortunately, all you really get is a rude awakening and a lovely quote by Dee Hock, "It's far too late and things are far too bad for pessimism."

This book addresses a fundamental aspect of climate change in the oceans, sea level rise, an aspect that directly threatens millions of people! It starts with the historical record, then moves to current observations of sea level rise, next addresses causes and societal impacts, and finally identifies what we can do to plan for and mitigate the impacts. It should be required reading,

especially for those living along the coast. While there is a growing awareness of climate change today, I fear that the leadership of our generation will not have the political motivation to do what is needed to address it. For this reason, I hope that this book will be built in to our high school and college curriculum; if our generation won't, at least we will be educating the next generation, so that they will be politically motivated to address this issue.

As a builder, developer and community planning activist I found this book a tremendous relief from the politically charged, agenda-boosting publications that dominate this conversation. The result of those works has been that while the debate over "why" goes on, no one is doing anything to prepare because it's just too hard to start. Coastal communities everywhere continue to draft vision statements and comprehensive plans that largely ignore what is happening with their primary natural infrastructure asset - the sea. If you are from such a community or region and whether you are an economic developer, elected official, planning professional, land / business owner, educator, investor or concerned citizen, this book is required reading. In this book, gone is the debate about who's to blame and how much will the sea rise by what year. It doesn't matter in the long run. The message is simple: "Over the next decade or two, our coastal-oriented civilization is about to get a real-world lesson in geology and oceanography." John Englander has given all of us, regardless of our position in the community, a starting point for an honest conversation about our changing shorelines and how we might begin the process of comprehensively addressing the complexities of adaptation.

John Englander has produced the best book I have read about changing sea level. It is honest and straight forward, not a blame game or climate change discussion. It is apolitical, pulling together many research projects and statistics presented in clear, concise summaries without bogging down in the language of scientists. Just when I thought I may have to use a different resource to understand a basic principle of how something worked, John anticipated the need for an explanation and I found it on the very next page. The book is well-documented from the US Navy's preparations to how sea levels have shifted over millions of years. I want to lend it out to friends, but decided it was such a good reference book, that I will have to buy a few more copies to share. This is not a book that will sit on the shelf collecting dust now that I have read it, instead I am reading it a second time and will ear mark particularly salient points about the effect of sea level change on our economy, balancing our desires for living on edge of the coast and changes that will occur our environment as waters rise.

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