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The "hockey stick" graph of global temperatures is the single most influential icon in the global-warming debate, promoted by the UN's transnational climate bureaucracy, featured in Al Gore's Oscar-winning movie, used by governments around the world to sell the Kyoto Accord to their citizens, and shown to impressionable schoolchildren from kindergarten to graduation.

And yet what it purports to "prove" is disputed and denied by many of the world's most eminent scientists. In this riveting book, Mark Steyn has compiled the thoughts of the world's scientists, in their own words, on hockey-stick creator Michael E Mann, his stick and their damage to science. From Canada to Finland, Scotland to China, Belgium to New Zealand, from venerable Nobel Laureates to energetic young researchers on all sides of the debate analyze the hockey stock and the wider climate wars it helped launch.

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### Evan Maxwell says

#### Doubling Down

Steyn and MacLean's Magazine beat the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal. This time he takes on climate scientist Michael Mann, who sued him for defamation.

It is hard to believe Mann bothered except that seems to be his style. On legal grounds, Steyn wins on points. On political grounds, he is a mad dog, digging up more than 100 scientists who are more than willing to dispute Mann's "the science is settled" trope.

Mann will continue to claim the upper hand but he has lost. Too bad he took so many earnest and rational "warmists" with him.

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### MaryJo Dawson says

This is a book that needed to be written - to tell the truth. Whether you are a proponent of man-made global warming or not, the evidence presented by Mark Steyn that refutes the validity of the hockey stick graft is absolutely overwhelming. The author himself does not present arguments that undermine this standard upon which society has been told we are the warmest century on the planet ever to exist because people have made it that way.

No, it is a string of climate and earth scientists who are at the top of their field world wide who in articles, testimony before investigative committees, and personal e-mails, who give us the facts.

The facts are the science was flawed to begin with, it wasn't researched properly, it was promoted by individuals who wanted it to be true - including Al Gore - there were no control models, and anyone who questioned what became the mantra of the beginning of the 21st century was threatened, vilified, and usually sued.

There is very strong evidence the globe has been this warm before, about a thousand years ago, in fact. Many reputable men and women with a string of initials and awards behind their names who believe in global warming still refute Michael Mann's hockey stick and are appalled at what they see has been a blight upon the field of science.

It is Steyn's satire and sense of humor that keep the flow in what is chapter after chapter of quotes and testimonies of individuals who want the truth to be known - and some who don't.

Of course it is very hard to get rid of a line of thinking that has influenced legislation, school curriculums, made many people very rich, and is now becoming a global embarrassment.

Climate change is on going all the time, and always has been. Are human beings how contributing to a warming trend on the planet? If so, let's use good science to verify it, or have the courage to admit Michael Mann conned us.

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### Jamie King says

"A new version of The Emperor's New Clothes, the little boy points out His Majesty is naked, and the enraged courtiers and the more fevered members of the crowd club him to a pulp yelling, 'Don't you know? The clothing is settled!'"

The work excessively pours over raw data, it can be hard to consume and at times even downright repulsive- but it is important for society to understand how this issue was astroturfed then bifurcated for the sole benefit of special interest groups- which involves a wide range of complicit groups around the world from school teachers, regulators, politicians, scientists, journalists and academics.

"The core alarmist proponents only comprise a few dozen, mostly third-rate academics whose scientific reputations are minimal outside of climate alarmism. They co-opted the niche, little known interdisciplinary field of climatology, proclaimed themselves to be the world authorities, declared a global crisis, received lavish funding to research it and gained global attention."

The corruption must be realized, data identified and discarded with an honest apology made to the public that begins and can only be achieved through a slow process of rebuilding trust in these institutions. Until this is identified we are doomed to violent, and extremely radical splits in our country stoked by those who benefit at the top while continuing to compound this problem in order to grow their group- so far none of these "honest" public debates have taken place- industry remains corrupted, and public distrustful.

The hockey stick test is an issue that exposes how bias creates its own fantasy that must override all facts, right down to personal experience.

It is a modern Orwellian practice of persecuting "thought crimes" based on their damage to the gospel truth even when that dogma is contrary to empirical observations.

A small radical low ranking group managed to take over and pervert not only an industry but the entire integrity of the scientific discipline.

Not sure who is more destructive to modern civilization; the IPCC or APA. Either way the IPCC really outdid the APA in this conspiracy.

Understanding this is like learning how Democrats supported slavery and pushed the nation into a civil war.. it's unsavory, the past has been covered up, and the guilty parties remain in power and continue to abuse it

"After reading the history of the 'hockey stick' no one could ever again trust the IPCC or the scientists and environmental extremists who author the climate assessments. The IPCC has encouraged a collapse of rigour, objectivity, and honesty that were once the hallmarks of the scientific community."

How can the public ever trust us again? I have tenure, and am senior enough to be able to retire if things genuinely were to get awful for me. **I am very very worried about younger scientist, and I hear from a number of them that have these concerns.**

*"All this has nothing to do with defending climate science or academic freedom. The climate science field, and the broader community of academics, have received an enormous black eye as a result of defending the hockey stick and his behavior."*

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## **Dave Bernard says**

It's a nice collection of what a bunch of respected scientists think of Mann's weasel methods, proving that it's not the supposed Koch-funded, right-wing nut-jobs out there who have a problem with him, but rather a large chunk of the scientific community.

If you want a good description of Mann's FRAUD, read *The Hockey Stick Illusion* by A. W. Montford. The only reason Mann got away with fudging the numbers is because it was decided that other "independent"

studies (many using the same data and methods) came to a similar overall conclusion, never minding the fact that his PC analysis will always result in a hockey stick figure or the fact that he used the same data from a single tree in multiple categories. Statisticians see through it.

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### **Jeff says**

I don't give out 5 stars lightly, but I think this book deserves it. It reveals the reprehensible behavior of Michael Mann and others at the IPCC after they produced the famous hockey stick graph and then adopted an all-out, no-holds-barred approach to defending it against scientific and statistical criticisms for the next 10+ years. In the process they co-opted the scientific peer review process to ensure alternative views were not published, pressed (often successfully) for people to lose their jobs, destroyed data to avoid releasing it under Britain's equivalent of the Freedom of Information Act, and turned the field of climate science into something like a Mafia-controlled syndicate. I consider it must-read material.

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### **John Zipps says**

One of the most spectacularly bitchy and gratifyingly righteous books you could ever read about actually-existing climate scientists. It's too long and the core fact (the shameless creation and deployment of the "hockey stick" by its venal inventors) is old news. But the fact that Mann and his ilk still enjoy a good press is reason enough for it to exist.

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### **Denise Spicer says**

A Disgrace To The Profession. The World's Scientists in Their Own Words On Michael E. Mann, His Hockey Stick And Their Damage To Science.  
Compiled and Edited by Mark Steyn

Just as the subtitle says, this book is full of quotes from eminent scientists (from all disciplines and points of view) punctuated with Mr. Steyn's inimitable witty comments. Though the discrediting of Mann's theory is obvious, amazingly some policy makers continue to use this bogus science. A quote from page 80 sums it all up: "The hockey stick was no longer science, it was an icon of the new millennium's new religion."

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### **Ryan Gargano says**

I've seen this hockey stick before, ie...in Al Gore's movie and all over in terms of global warming. However, it's interesting seeing exactly what was used in the making of the graph and the sketchy science behind it.

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### **Rich Castles says**

The hockey stick and the damage done! While it is a 100 daggers to the heart of Mann, the big picture is the extent to which these pierce through to the heart of the IPCC in its willingness to promote this junk. An important takedown given the extent to which this fraudulent symbol shaped popular perception of climate - one that seems hard to budge. Serious stuff but the laughs make it enjoyable. My favourite line (from McIntyre) when Mann was caught casually transposing weather data from Paris to New England (a minor scam in context): "The rain in Maine falls mainly on the Seine."

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### **William says**

Terrific validation via 100+ climate professionals that Mann is a self centered failure in his profession who only seeks self glorification. Outstanding coverage of every issues in the fraud called man-made global warming.

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### **Kari says**

One can't deny there's a hoax concerning man-made global change after reading these "climate-gate" emails. Unless you're a 'denier-denier.' Heh. My only issue was the format. It seemed unorganized and repetitive...but I guess repetition is the nature of corroborating evidence. 3.5 stars.

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### **Joseph Kulisics says**

I strongly support Mark Stein in his legal battle with Michael Mann. Michael Mann sued Mark Stein for defamation after Stein called his hockey stick graph on global warming a scientific fraud. Since fraud has a common, non-technical meaning and since Stein clearly wasn't accusing Mann of a violation of criminal law, the kind of accusation that might be libelous, the case really should have been dismissed quickly. Instead, Mann and his backers found a sympathetic judge to let the case go forward in an attempt to use the process to punish and bankrupt Stein. The case is literally about freedom of speech. Mann wants to make criticism of "experts" into legally actionable claims if not crimes, and we all have a duty to stand up to his bullying. Buy the book.

The book itself isn't my tastes. I've read other books by Stein, and this book is different because it has no narrative glue. It's chapters are brief, one or two-page accounts of the reactions of scientists to Mann's hockey stick and the state of climate science. The reactions are interesting in themselves, but I'd have actually preferred the book to be longer and narrated like his other works.

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### **Carolyn says**

This is a reference book rather than a book to be read. It's a definitive refutation of the claim that most scientists believe in the dangers of global warning. One hundred and twenty eminent scientists here, some Nobel laureates and all with impressive credentials, denounce Michael Mann (who is described by the title) and his "hockey stick" chart on which so much fraudulent global warming argument is based. Mann based the hockey stick projection on 2 (two) shaky pieces of evidence, tree rings that depend on many factors besides temperature. He falsely claims to be a Nobel laureate himself. Virtually all of the scientists who are

heard from in this book call him a fraud and his projections "pseudoscience." Editor Mark Steyn plans volume 2 to follow this one, and says he will try to limit the second book to 100 scientists, as he intended to do with the first one. This volume should end the argument once and for all, but of course true believers (as opposed to "deniers") will ignore it, because anthropogenic global warning is a faith, not science.

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### **Jeanette says**

This is told in a style that is emphatic and could have been done within a much shorter fashion.

Regardless, it is instructive to a perfect example for one scientific proof that is neither science nor is it proof. And it rather proves a Lincoln refrain.

You CAN fool some of the people all the time.

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### **Tim says**

I have a mild interest in climate studies since my degree was in Oceanography. This book tackles the prominent inclusion of the "hockey stick graph" from the IPCC report. The Graph is here (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BQpc...>) What I found very surprising in this book was the format. Over 100 separations of two to three page segments with just the words of scientists. It was a bit overkill (you could prob read a quarter of the book and understand just how poorly the hocky stick graph was done) but the point Mark Steyn was trying to make seems very clear: that the idea of a scientific consensus on climate is a fiction. There seems little evidence that we can accurately measure the past temperatures and I was honestly shocked how sloppy the work of Mann was in producing his graph. Most impressive in the book is the introduction Steve McIntyre, a laymen who proved how wrong headed Mann's work was [his webpage here- . The book in no way disproves global warming or that Humans are not impacting the environment. It does show the lengths that science can be twisted to try to force "the truth" onto us for the greater good.

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