

# The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History by Elizabeth Kolbert

'The Sixth Extinction' argues that the Earth is in the midst of a modern, man-made sixth extinction. In the book, Kolbert discusses previous mass extinction events and compares them to present times. She also describes specific species extinguished by humans, as well as the ecologies surrounding prehistoric and near-present extinction events. The book also expands on the ethical implications of human dominance, prompting readers to consider our role.

## **Insights for Change Makers**

The book explains the urgency of environmental action and talks about the protection of endangered species.

Changemakers can use the book to understand the environmental cause through science, storytelling and historical context. This will allow them to think about the future of the planet and the human impact on climate change.

## **Reviews and Criticism**

The book combines compelling evidence with engaging writing to cover an important topic. It is a Pulitzer winning book with enough humor to remain interesting and accessible to laypeople.

Yet, it also creates a feeling of impending doom without offering many solutions.

Credits- Goodreads

Also used for reference- [Gemini AI](#)

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