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Atmosphere of Hope is both a snapshot of the trouble we are in and an up-to-the-minute analysis of some of the new possibilities for mitigating climate change, as well as an account of a future in which humanity is not dependent on fossil fuels, with the latest analysis of some of the emerging technologies for limiting global warming. Flannery outlines an exciting array of innovative approaches that give cause for hope, from atmospheric carbon capture—through extensive seaweed farming, CO₂ snow production in Antarctica and the manufacture of carbon-rich biochar—to reflecting the sun's rays by painting landscapes and cities white.

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