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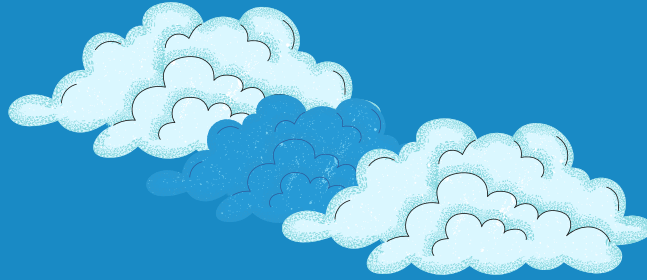
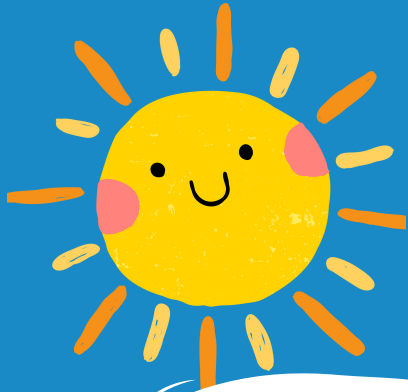
This book belongs to

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For Anya and Johnny.
Love, always.





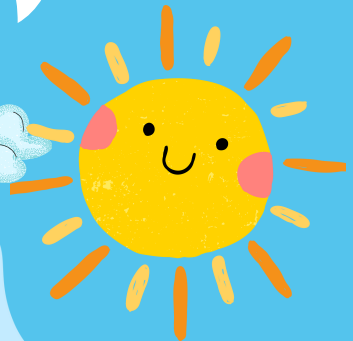
Hi, I'm Steve, and this is
Yoca

Are you sitting
comfortably? Then
we'll begin.





Once upon a time, there was a great state called Florida. The sun shone all day long, the beaches were golden and clean, the waves were gentle, and everybody loved their neighbor. It was the land of eternal sunshine.






The summers were humid and rainy, and sometimes there would be terrible storms. From 1900 -1999, there were eleven notable hurricanes.

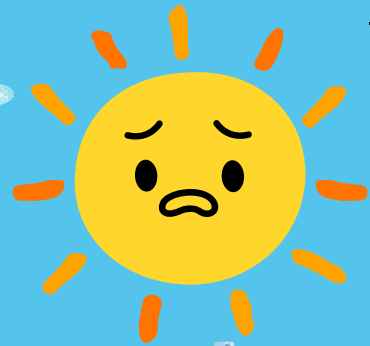


But the winters were always dry and mild.





As more and more people discovered this beautiful place, and once air conditioning was invented, millions of people moved to Florida, meaning more buildings were needed and the roads became full of traffic.



Since 1950, Florida has been getting hotter every year, at a faster rate than the rest of the world.

And since 2000, the heat is increasing more quickly.






The Florida Governor knew that change was happening because the storms were more frequent and the flooding was getting worse. There were 14 notable hurricanes from just 2000 to 2024!


I would say human activity contributes to changes in the environment.





And he had been warned by the good witch Sierra Club that Florida was in danger!

If greenhouse gas emissions continue at their current rate, atmospheric warming will reach 2.7° F (1.5° C) around 2040 — a little less than 20 years from now.

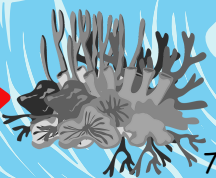


Hurricanes, and tropical cyclones that have dominated the news recently will increase in number and ferocity.

The world's coral reefs will decline by 70 to 90 percent from their current levels.



Many marine and coastal ecosystems will crash beyond the point of recovery.





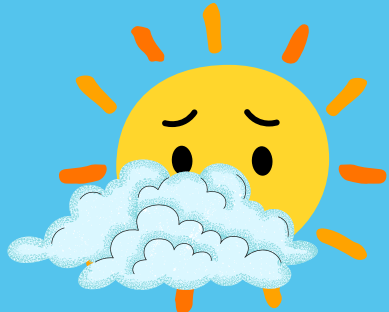
He was even
warned by
NOAA

Coastal Florida will
be under water by
2100!






Sierra Club and NOAA needed the governor's help to fight climate change and save Florida!




Governor, what are you going to do to rescue your beautiful state and all of the people who live here and trust you to lead them?





First, he thought long and hard about all sorts of important things.



I am not a global warming person. I do not want that label on me.



Then, he reflected on his democratic ideals

Our government is a government of laws, not a government of men.

As I am the governor, my words should be law; people should do what I say. And the climate should do what I say, too.





And finally, as a proud Harvard law graduate, he made a reasoned and intelligent decision.

I am a Republican. Therefore, I don't agree with Democrats. Democrats say climate change is real. Therefore, I don't agree with that. Therefore, climate change ISN'T REAL.



Uh oh!

CLIMATE SCIENTISTS



Yes, it is

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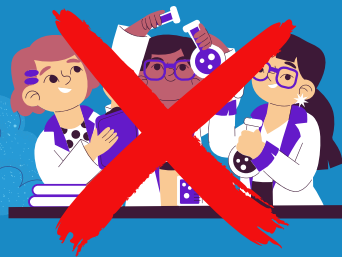
TEXTBOOKS



Yes, I am

CLIMATE CHANGE






How dare you disagree with me?
I will silence you all.

FROM NOW ON, NO ONE IS ALLOWED
TO SAY CLIMATE CHANGE!





CLIMATE CHANGE IS
NOT REAL! We will all
live happily ever after
in Floridaaaaaaaah!

The End

Author's note

This is a product of research, although I wish it was simply from my imagination. All attributed words in bold are taken from direct quotes from the Sierra Club and Governor Ron DeSantis.

Sadly, we have a governor who is more interested in autocracy than democracy, who values power more than people, and wealth above the safety and future of our state.

According to polls, 90% of Floridians understand the catastrophic potential of climate change and believe we can take action to mitigate it. If this is you, and you've enjoyed this book, please consider joining or donating to an organization like the Sierra Club which is actively trying to make our world a better place for everyone. www.sierraclub.org

Thank you for reading,

Joanna

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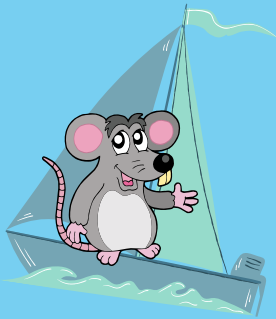
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REPUBLICAN