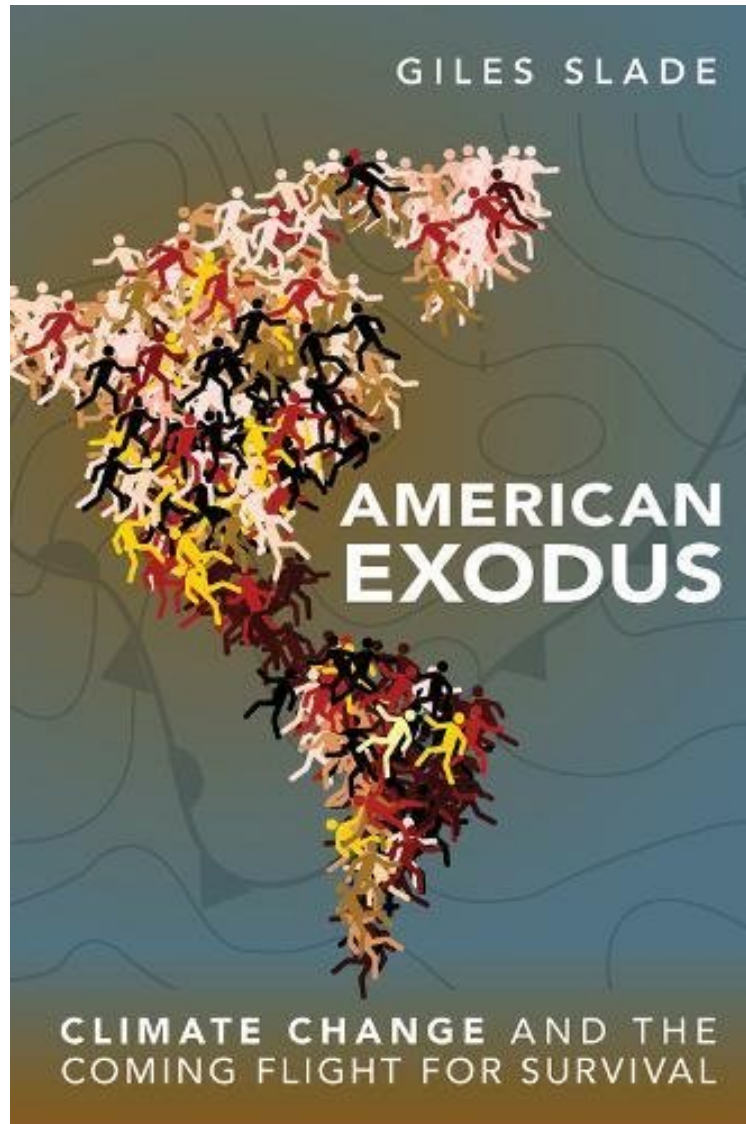


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**Giles Slade : American Exodus: Climate Change and the Coming Flight for Survival** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised American Exodus: Climate Change and the Coming Flight for Survival:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Interesting book on how life may change due to climate changeBy Paul GianyGiles Slade informs his readers that the future for North America and its climate are very bleak. Slade first

mentions about past migrations in North America such as the Dust Bowl and from Mexico and how the environmental and economic factors caused those migrations. Then he highlighted previous and current events of severe storms, heatwaves, drought, wildfires and other weather events and how they are becoming worse throughout the years. The only solution to escape these disastrous events from climate change is to move north towards Canada. Canada, especially the southern half, will also have problems dealing with climate change but the far northern parts of Canada can become a sanctuary to North Americans fleeing from environmental and economic hardships by climate change. Overall, I thought the book was very informative of previous climate disasters that have caused loss of life, property, as well as movement of people from those areas. I wish the book discussed more about the potential migration since Slade only talked about immigrating to Canada in the last chapter. Also, some visual aids would have helped in seeing how the climate has changed over the years reinforcing facts stated in the book. A good read for someone interested in climate change and how it may affect the population of North America in the coming decades.

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A comprehensive book about Climate Change in North America By JP Georgial love the detailed information, The author has done so much research. I sincerely thank him for writing this book. Every American, North and South, should read this book. Stop listening to political rhetoric and make serious plans for the generations to come. Climate change is affecting all of us, no matter what our political beliefs happen to be. I am getting on in years. I can see the effects of climate change now. However, much of what the book describes will happen after I am gone, and I have made no plans for myself. My grandchildren will experience more than I have, and they will live to see the effects worsen. However, their children will definitely live through the worst of it, and their lives will be much different than ours. Prepare your children now.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Brilliant excursion from one of the world's most accessible social critics By GlobalChangeSupercenter5 Now, in the interest of full disclosure, the Global Change Supercenter is not referred to in any way in the book, and, further, there is no promise of an echoblurb, a log-roll, coming back from Mr. Giles Slade, so take this a pure reader's review - it's a tremendous work of clear scholarship, reflecting a born social critic's adherence to research and social relevance. Slade appears as a writer striving for conscience - unaffiliated with any think tank, party ideology, international consensus group, corporate-funded college, or official house organ. The topics of climate catastrophe, of ecological and economic devastation and the nature of failed states in North America and beyond, could not be more critical for discursive review, and this is precisely what Slade delivers, with measured, journalistic clarity. For a rationalist, living with doubt and some necessary illusions, someone trying to understand the unfolding calamity yet implicated in the limitations of our social reality, this book stands as a work of art, a companion volume to our looming anxiety. Yet not every point in the book is ipso facto valid - does Mexico do "everything it can" to send its citizens northward? Is there any evidence for political opening within the supersystem? These types of more passionate points raised in this book, and in Slade's previous volumes of populist social history, should occasion internet-busting debates and clarifications, but unlike the more hopeful Mr. Slade, I'll forecast a grim silence to greet this far-seeing, far-reaching book. Where is the market for uncomfortable truth?

Some scientists predict the sea will rise one and a half meters before 2100, but rapidly melting polar ice caps could make the real amount much higher. In the coming century, intensifying storms will batter our coasts, and droughts and heat events will be annual threats. All this will occur as population grows, and declining water resources desiccate agriculture. What will happen when the United States cannot provide food or fresh water for the overheated, overcrowded cities where 80 percent of Americans currently live? The good news is that this overall decline of habitability in the mid-latitudes will be matched by increases in the carrying capacity of sparsely populated lands above the 49th parallel. This phenomenon suggests that waves of environmental refugees will travel poleward as southern conditions worsen. Our northern lands are our Noah's arka vital refuge against the moment of mankind's greatest need. In this compelling cautionary work, Giles Slade argues that we are entering a long period of global desperation which will be characterized by human migration on an unprecedented scale. American Exodus is a frighteningly believable survey of our immediate future, but it ends on a note of hope: we may yet survive the coming century of climatic change if we act now to safeguard our shelter of last resort. Giles Slade is the award-winning author of Made to Break and The Big Disconnect. A recovering academic with advanced degrees in rhetoric and literature, he is regularly published in a variety of print and online journals.

Holding this book should feel like the touch of a cattle prod. But most of us have hides too thick to feel the shock and we will need several more, of ever-higher voltage, before we heed its message. For those with thinner skins, read it and be prepared. ---Clive Hamilton, author, Earthmasters: The Dawn of the Age of Climate Engineering Standing apart from often-tedious tomes on climate change, Giles Slade's fast-moving American Exodus shows how it could create huge population movements that would bring US and Mexican catastrophe, perhaps amid Canadian opportunity. He ranges compellingly over North America and the globe, time and space, migration and settlement, plus history, science and art. He opens out thought by offering imagination, wit, detail, compassion and style. This book looks to become an accessible classic that might persuade you to move north before the rush. Watch Canada. And maybe watch out,

Canada, too. ---Deborah Popper and Frank Popper, originators of the Buffalo Commons idea  
American Exodus is the more polite title for a book that might have been called, as a chapter sub-head has it, The Awful Truth about how climate change will remake the settlement of a continent. Characteristically widely and deeply researched, Slade's new book argues persuasively that over the coming century much of the southern half and coastal zones of North America will become uninhabitable. The exodus of the title will then come to Canada, relatively green, wet, and mild. But as Slade points out, not all of Canada will be hospitable under climate change either. An engagingly eclectic meditation on the century to come, and the dramatic changes for which our countries and their leaders are woefully unprepared.---  
Chris Wood, journalist and author, Down the Drain: How We Are Failing To Protect Our Water Resources  
Giles Slade has never shrunk from talking about the next big idea. Now he takes on climate change and its potentially disastrous consequences for the United States. These include economic collapse and the turning of millions of Americans into postmodern Okies trying to cross their northern border into an unwelcoming nation. Slade makes plain that although America may still be the most powerful country in the world, in the face of recent natural disasters associated with climate change -- urban heat waves, droughts and superstorms -- the nation has looked like a hundred-pound weakling. As he paints a picture of a nation dangerously unprepared to face the current crisis, even fans of Slade's previous work may find American Exodus a very inconvenient truth.-- Edward Kohn, author, Hot Time in the Old Town: The Great Heat Wave of 1896  
American Exodus assumes, unlike some, that global warming and climate changes are real threats to human survival. Instead of offering the usual standard response to this global issue, Giles Slade goes beyond this, and suggests provocative actions we need for the reproduction of life in North America. Slade shows that migration has always been an outcome of climate changes since the early 20th century, and projects that future American migration to Canada for survival is a likely scenario based on his rich analysis of the human migratory history of North America.---Sing C. Chew, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ and editor, Nature + Culture