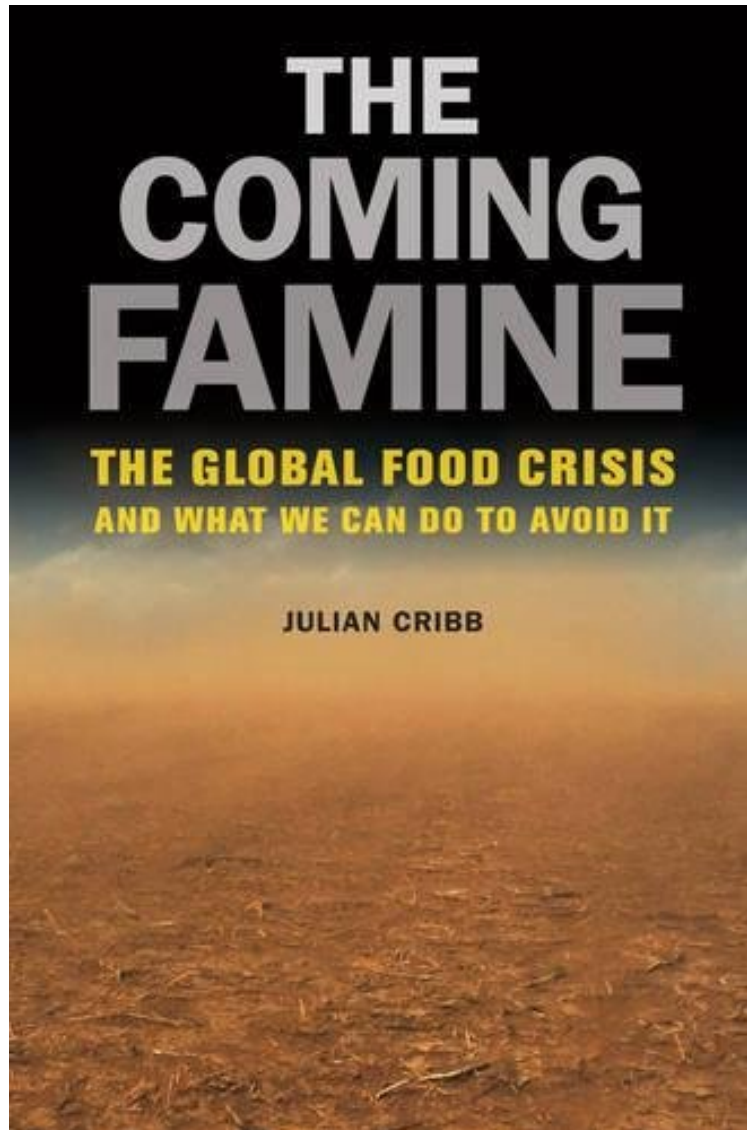


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other, especially peak oil. Our farms today are large and employ only a few people because they rely on massive tractors, combines, and other equipment, and they all run on oil. However, the elephant in the room when it comes to World problems is the explosion in population. The author delves into all of these problems and correlations, and more. I am recommending this book to my friends because these are not future problems, they are hitting us now. In fact, my major complaint with the book is that the author focused on what might happen by 2050 if we do not start tackling these problems now, but in my mind, the horse is already more than half way out of the barn and we have not even started a national dialogue about any of them. This is a must read book for anyone with children, grand children, or who manages investments. The next 25 years are not going to look anything like the last 50 years. You need to be talking about this with your love ones now while there is still time to plan. 13 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Brain food By A. colbert I just finished "The Coming Famine" and thought it was a smart, well written, interesting and compelling description of the challenges my children will likely face as the world's growing population and our shrinking resources collide. The author writes with authority, cites credible research, and finds a measured path between sounding a wake up bell and offering hope for the human race. There is urgency behind every word, and this is an important book. Like many people, I have had a complacent belief that science/research will find ways for us to produce superfoods that will largely (magically?) keep up with humankind's demand, and his chapters on agro R and D were sobering. Living in the northeast US with its abundant H2O has made it hard to pay close attention to the water woes of China and Africa, and i had under-appreciated the connection between famine and ethnic strife. This book should be widely read. It will make you take a better look at the source of your larder, view your green, sprinklered lawn with an eye toward permaculture and food plants, and become thriftier with water and less wasteful generally. There are action plans here at the macro and micro level that might just save the planet. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Coming Famine By riverdove This is a wonderful book. I am buying another copy so I can share it around with friends. The author brings up subjects that are not addressed by other authors such as the coming Phosphorus shortfall. He has a great overview of what is happening. Dont be sidetracked by shortsighted critics who cannot see the big picture. I spent a lot of my life working on cattle stations, farms and fishing boats. I have also been a technician with Parks and Wildlife . This has given me a view from both sides which is necessary for a better understanding.

In *The Coming Famine*, Julian Cribb lays out a vivid picture of impending planetary crisis--a global food shortage that threatens to hit by mid-century--that would dwarf any in our previous experience. Cribb's comprehensive assessment describes a dangerous confluence of shortages--of water, land, energy, technology, and knowledge--combined with the increased demand created by population and economic growth. Writing in brisk, accessible prose, Cribb explains how the food system interacts with the environment and with armed conflict, poverty, and other societal factors. He shows how high food prices and regional shortages are already sending shockwaves into the international community. But, far from outlining a doomsday scenario, *The Coming Famine* offers a strong and positive call to action, exploring the greatest issue of our age and providing practical suggestions for addressing each of the major challenges it raises.

The sheer number of terrifying facts make the book gripping.