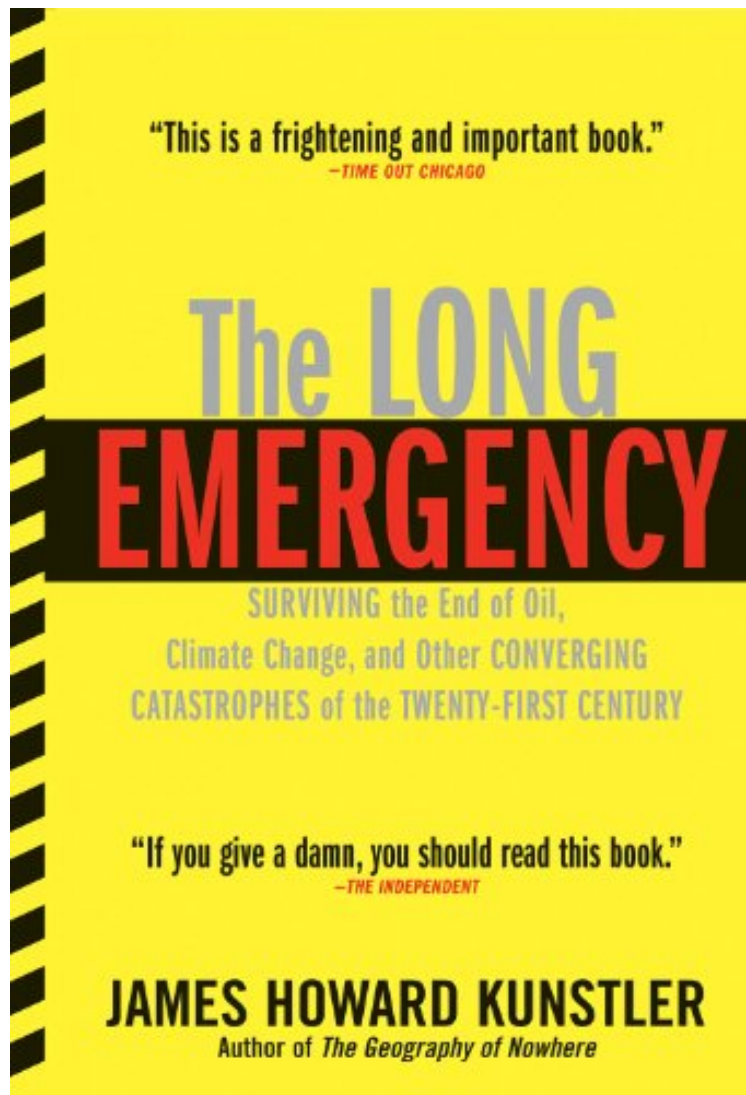


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A controversial hit that sparked debate among businessmen, environmentalists, and bloggers, *The Long Emergency* by James Howard Kunstler is an eye-opening look at the unprecedented challenges we face in the years ahead, as oil runs out and the global systems built on it are forced to change radically.