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Wendy Steele (Australia), John Handmer, (Austria), and Ian McShane (Australia) have assembled an interdisciplinary collection of articles on contemporary climate change issues. *Hot Cities* integrates world-wide contributors and invites the reader to experience new terminologies and new ways of deciphering the changes we are all experiencing in today's world. Readers can acclimatize and share in forward-thinking aspects of climate change management. Chapter one describes the *Pyrocene* relating the increase in heat to Frank Herbert's book *Dune*, (which has been popularized in a movie series). Depictions of a "heated planet" continue as the book describes fires, climate, risk, roots, shelter, community, technology, nature, ethics, and futures. Using a "shared keyword," the book portrays how planet Earth is being consumed by all the events presented above. Each chapter provides a rich argument, supported by descriptive notes. At the end of the book, there is a rich index and a thorough bibliography for readers to consult while interacting with each chapter. In an urban policy context, infrastructure policy is explored as well as a social contract that is in flux. Affected by urban transitions, finding sustainability, nurturing new narratives, and learning to adapt to change are woven themes throughout the texts. *Hot Cities* is richly illustrated with image plates that depict archival evidence of change. It is a thought-provoking wake-up call where rising temperatures, climate change, and cities in flux are in great need of urban policy and action.