

TIKKUN OLAM BOOK CLUB #2

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A Good War: Mobilizing Canada for the Climate Emergency

By Seth Klein

Some suggested discussion questions:

- 1) What in the book affected you most profoundly, either positively or negatively?
- 2) The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says that we have less than a dozen years to control unstoppable climate change. It's scary and we desperately need to act, and yet, while there has been much hand-wringing, there have been few practical proposals offered. *A GOOD WAR* sets forth a roadmap of practical solutions. Which proposals would you most like to see implemented? Why? Which proposals do you feel go too far? Which ones, not far enough?
- 3) Using the model of the rapid retooling of the economy in the Second World War, Klein argues that Canadians bought into the sacrifices they had to make because the government committed to broad social change after the war that would make their lives better in the long run. He argues that you cannot ask huge changes of people if you can't offer to improve their lives. Therefore social justice must be front and centre in climate-change policy. How do you think most Canadians feel about this point of view? How do you feel about it?