

There's a wealth of new climate fiction from around the world, and the genre is only growing. Here's a few recommendations that can be used in book clubs, workshops and other engagements.

The Ministry for the Future by Kim Stanley Robinson

A lengthy work of science fiction that focuses on technical and social solutions to climate change. It's ultimately positive, and showcases countless innovations. The book can be used to educate readers on possible climate futures alongside the complexities of global environmental governance.

The Storm by Arif Anwar

This novel focuses on the human side of extreme weather events, particularly in Bangladesh. It's a deeply impactful narrative with well-fleshed out characters, proving that cli-fi doesn't need to be about the future to be a meaningful contribution to the genre. It contains many references to history and contemporary social issues, providing a useful educational foundation in climate and society.

Parable of the Sower by Octavia Butler

Butler's novel is a critical part of Afrofuturism and one of the first cli-fi novels written in the U.S. It's an essential part of any curriculum that seeks to expand future-imagining beyond the hegemonies of white, colonial thinking.

Bangkok Wakes to Rain by Pitchaya Sudbanthad

This novel follows multiple narratives and timelines focused on Bangkok. The future is imagined not merely as a disaster but as an opportunity for society to reinvent itself, with new technologies and ways of life figuring heavily in Sudbanthad's portrayal. Chapters and sections of the book can be used individually for shorter lessons.

Bring Your Own Spoon by Saad Z. Hossain

A short story looking at Dhaka in light of severe climate change and governmental crackdowns. However, it has a positive ending and a unique fantasy element. As a short and well-balanced introduction to climate fiction, it makes a great pre-meeting assignment for a workshop or event.

Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr

Doerr's novel spans multiple timelines, but the key narrative ultimately centers on a future devastated by an environmental crisis. While climate change is only described in small glimpses, the novel asks many crucial questions about how technology alters what we see and how we relate to a changing world.

The Broken Earth Series by N.K. Jemisin

This series is a high-fantasy universe that, at first, appears to have little to do with climate change. But over time, this highly addictive narrative circles back to questions about how we use resources and treat the Earth in our quest for development.