

Of all the animals of North America, the one that might seem most threatened by climate change is the pika. Known for building wonderful haystacks of montane wildflowers, these adorable little alpine mammals have nowhere to run as temperatures rise. And yet, somehow, they endure.

How animals like the pika have made it—and whether they will continue to—is one of the central questions of *Hurricane Lizards and Plastic Squid*, which reveals that plants and animals don't just suffer climate change, but respond to it by adjusting, evolving, and, yes, sometimes dying out. Equal parts glorious and sad, the pika captures the book's most surprising lesson: climate change is a thing of paradoxical wonder and unprecedented biological insight.

Nature entrances, often despite climate change, but sometimes, shockingly, because of it. Anole lizards have grown larger toe pads to grip trees more tightly during frequent hurricanes. Plastic Humboldt squid populations are booming as warm waters alter their development so that fishermen throw them back, mistaking them for another species. At Walden Pond, wildflowers familiar to Thoreau now bloom weeks earlier in spring, and birds he never saw have become permanent residents, moving in from the south as temperatures rise.

A story of hope, resilience, and risk, *Hurricane Lizards and Plastic Squid* is an unforgettable portrait of climate change and the messy lattice of life.

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