

# Can we survive the 21st Century?

*How humanity can overcome the existential threats it has created.*

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Human civilisation is facing its sternest challenge in the history of our species. This consists of ten huge, man-made threats, which are now combining to imperil our future.

"[Surviving the 21st Century](#)" ([Springer International Publishing](#) 2017) is a powerful new book exploring these risks – ecological collapse, resource depletion, weapons of mass destruction, climate change, global poisoning, food crises, population and urban overexpansion, pandemic disease, dangerous new technologies and self-delusion – and what we can and should do to limit them. Citing the world's latest and most authoritative science, author Julian [Cribb](#) explains clearly the focal issue of our time – and what humanity as a whole and we, as individuals, can do about it.

"I'm constantly meeting well-educated, well-informed people – scientists, parents and grandparents and young people especially – who are worried we may be entering the end game of human history. That civilisation, and possibly even our species, will not survive the compound dangers we are building for ourselves with our numbers and demands upon the planet," the Australian science writer explains.

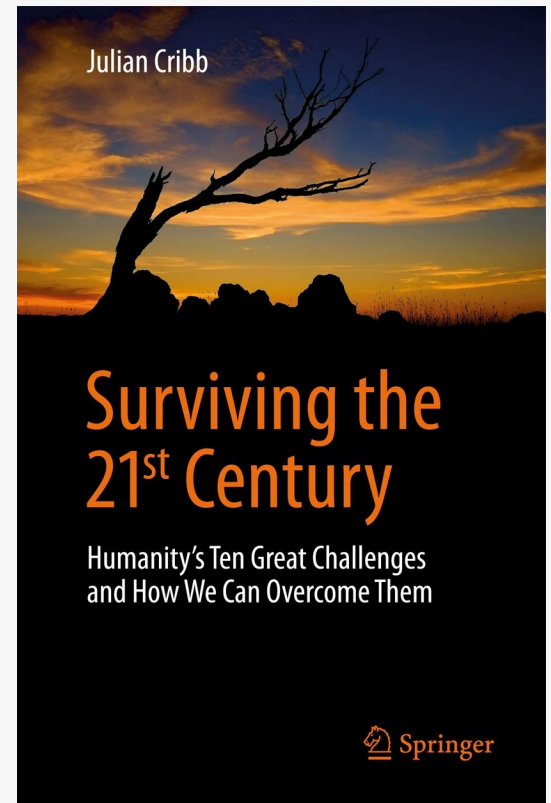
"'Surviving the 21st Century' assesses whether they are right or wrong. It surveys the objective evidence for these ten mega-issues – and what we can and should do as a species and as individual citizens to overcome them," he says.

The third volume in Cribb's trilogy on the human future, 'Surviving the 21st Century' explores in detail the scientific basis for the ten intersecting existential threats, and the importance of developing cross-cutting solutions that do not make matters worse.

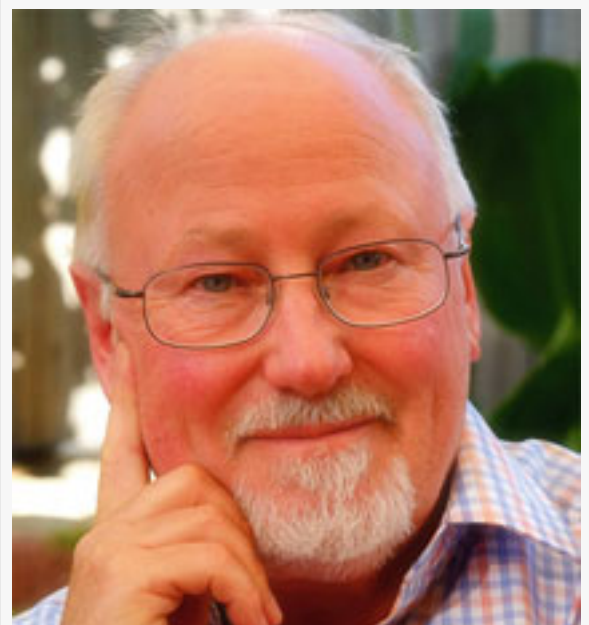
Surviving the 21st Century also identifies uplifting and positive solutions, being developed around the world, to our most pressing problems. And it explores two paradigm-shattering developments in society – the evolution of the human ability to 'think as a species' through global connections made at lightspeed on the

internet and social media, and the emergence of women as world leaders for a safer, more sustainable future.

Finally, it proposes a 'report card' which will enable everyone in the world to judge our collective progress towards either extinction - or a safer, cleaner, more sustainable future.



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"Our quintessential wisdom is  
the wisdom of the survivor"

*Julian Cribb*

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The book:

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