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Editor's Note: The following letter was received from Rabbi Judy Weiss of Brookline, Massachusetts:

Thanks for the great article by Danny Bloom suggesting the best way to communicate to people the effects of climate change is via storytelling. In particular, he suggests novelists write "cli-fi" novels to help change our political debate over climate change.

Sadly, the time frame doesn't allow us to wait for someone to write a great novel, have it become a bestseller, and then be produced as a major motion picture film. The climate crisis is already here, and we need Congress to enact serious legislation within the next year or two in order to prevent tipping points leading to irreparable damage.

However, there is good news. In 1972, John Brunner wrote an excellent, early "cli-fi" novel, *The Sheep Look Up*, exploring the consequences of water and air pollution, and prophetically described a type of drilling that reminded me of fracking. It would be great if you publish a review of this book to encourage your readers to read it, and perhaps someone would buy the movie rights and produce it.

I'm sure that members of the San Diego chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby would happily write a review of Brunner's book for you, provide the climate change context, and help readers understand the policy options that will help us deal with our current crisis.

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