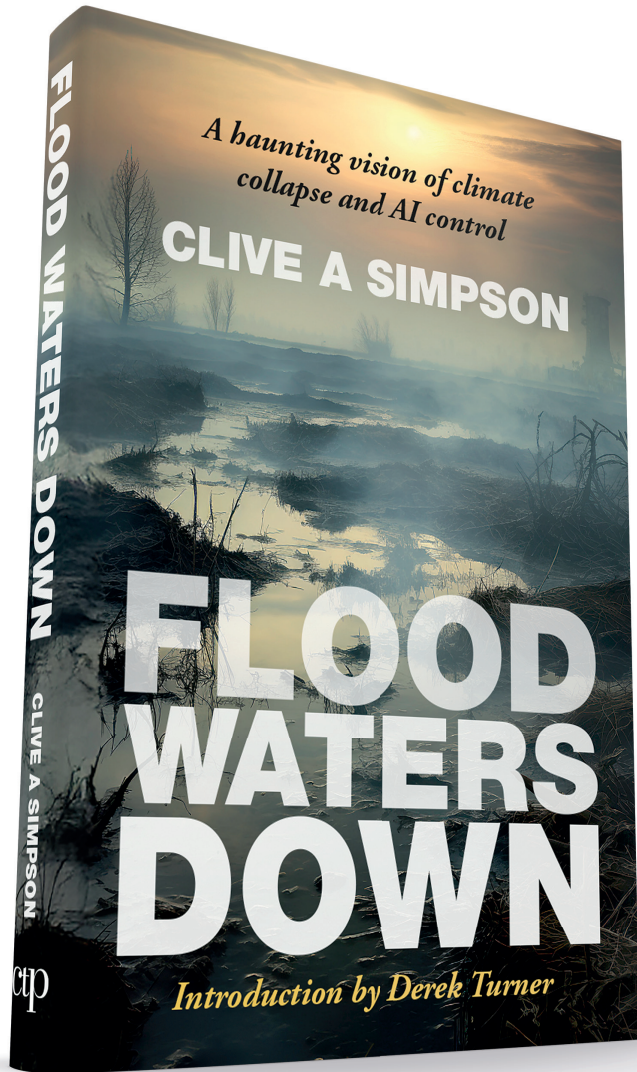


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*A prescient and deeply relevant novel of environmental collapse and AI rule – a literary thriller for the climate age.*

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## *The world is drowning*

In the flooded Fens of eastern England, the abandoned poor cling to life in a waterlogged wilderness, while the wealthy elite live inside a luxurious domed enclave ruled by an increasingly malevolent intelligence.

Evocative, prophetic and fiercely human, *Flood Waters Down* is a powerful exploration of survival, resistance and moral reckoning in a world undone by climate collapse and threatened by the very entity it created to save itself.

This is a story of what happens when adaptation comes too late – and when greed, self-interest and technology collide with the forces of nature. It's both an intimate human drama and a speculative exploration of the choices that define us in crisis.

Simpson's background in science and environmental journalism infuses the narrative with authenticity, while his spare, cinematic prose evokes a world at once recognisable and transformed.

*Flood Waters Down* echoes the psychological landscapes of JG Ballard and captures a future that feels disturbingly close.

## *Key Selling Points*

- A powerful, near-future eco-thriller grounded in the landscapes of the English Fens.
- Deeply rooted in social observation, real science and human resilience.
- Rich, cinematic storytelling with strong crossover potential for film adaptation.
- Explores climate collapse, greed, AI and the moral limits of survival.
- For readers of John Lanchester, Karen Thompson-Walker, Philip K Dick, Kim Stanley Robinson, Emily St John Mandel and Margaret Atwood.

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