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The book is part of a series entitled Environment: Change, Contest and Response. The series forms a significant part of an interdisciplinary Open University course on environmental matters. The other books in the series are: Understanding Environmental Issues

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