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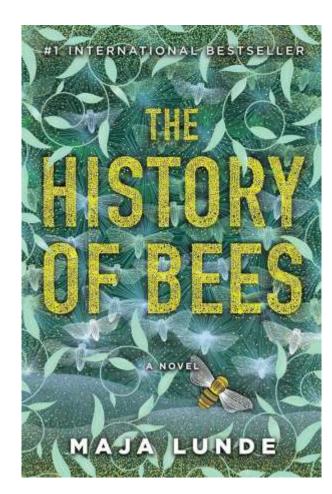
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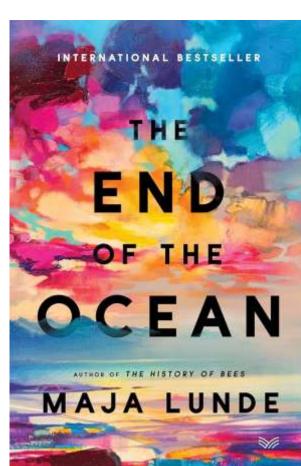
Future Utopias — Short Stories and Creative Writing

"We believe that climate anxiety and feelings of hopelessness can be turned into a desire to be involved in shaping our common future if students of all ages are allowed to work with their own visions of the future. It is therefore important that they are given space to formulate their thoughts about the future"

"With the help of utopia, we can travel in time and space. With imagination and writing, it is possible to explore unknown worlds"

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Maja Lunde, 'A phenomenal future documentary'

The Climate Quartet:

- The History of Bees (2015/2017)
- The End of the Ocean (2017/2019)
- The Last Wild Horses (2019/2022)
- The Dream of a Tree (2021/English October 2024)





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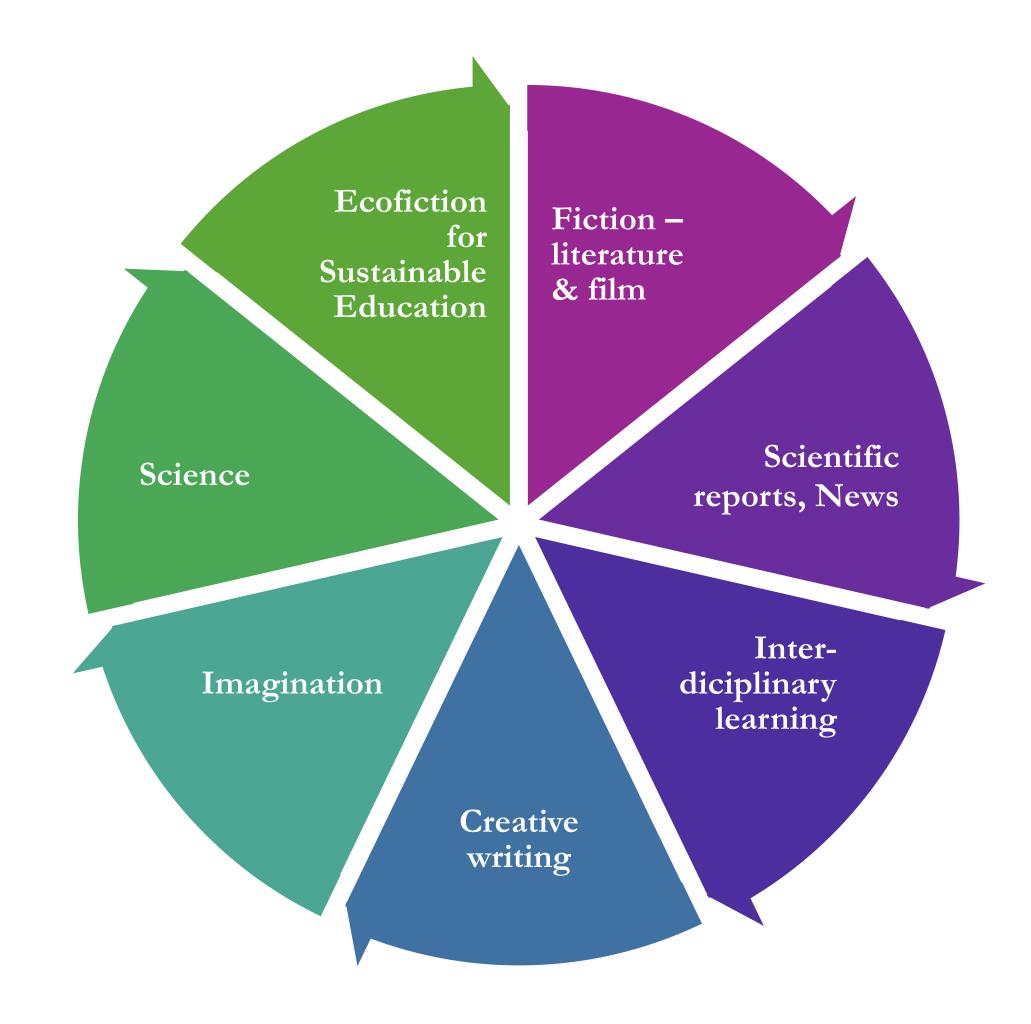
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Svalbard Global Seed Vault
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Climate anxiety in children and young people

"As a research team, we were disturbed by the scale of emotional and psychological effects of climate change upon the children of the world, and the number who reported feeling hopeless and frightened about the future of humanity. We wish that these results had not been quite so devastating. The global scale of this study is sufficient to warrant a warning to governments and adults around the world, and it underscores an urgent need for greater responsiveness to children and young people's concerns, more in-depth research, and immediate action on climate change"

Hickman et al. (2021). Climate anxiety in children and young people and their beliefs about government responses to climate change: a global survey, Lancet Planet Health 2021;5:e863–73, DOI: 10.2139/ssrn.3918955

"Forward Looking Analysis of Grand Societal Challenges and Innovative Policies"

"The future imagined: Exploring fiction as a means of reflecting on today's Grand Societal Challenges and tomorrow's options"

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