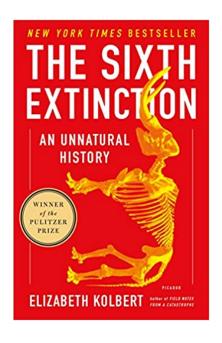
# The Sixth Extinction Book Summary (PDF) by Elizabeth Kolbert

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## Why This Book Matters:

The Sixth Extinction highlights the current danger of mass extinction and focuses on how we can reverse some of the damage already caused.

## The Big Takeaways:

- 1. The evolution of human living conditions and travel has had an impact on the impending sixth extinction.
  - 1. If Humans are to blame for causing this rare event by creating current modes of conveyance.
- Impact theory explains how the last mass extinction could have happened, which is through environmental changes.
  - 1. Although mass extinction events are inevitable, humans have played a pivotal role in the newest

extinction event.

- 3. Carbon dioxide has caused the global climate to gradually warm, and thus has caused the process of extinction to happen at a faster pace.
  - 1. Species who can only survive in colder climates will die out as habitats vanish.
- 4. Modern transportation around the world has been dangerous to already-susceptible animal populations.
  - 1. The natural blockades between species have changed because of humans changing the landscape, thus leading to species interacting in negative ways.
- 5. Neanderthals could have become extinct through the actions of Homo sapiens.
  - 1. Neanderthals were not nomadic, unlike Homo sapiens who traveled to new corners of the world.

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