



## *Pushing the Limits of Strategy* Suggested Reading and Discussion Questions

What do we do when we feel overwhelmed? Where do we go when we can't see a place to turn? Communities are strategizing imaginative ways to find resources for creative solutions. This theme encourages your group to explore the concept of STRATEGY in solving long-term challenges such as climate change, armed conflict, or homelessness.

### *Forty Signs of Rain*

**Kim Stanley Robinson, Fiction.** It's an increasingly steamy summer in the nation's capital as Senate environmental staffer Charlie Quibler cares for his young son and deals with the frustrating politics of global warming. While Charlie struggles to play politics, his wife Anna, takes a more rational approach to the looming crisis in her work at the National Science Foundation. There, a proposal has come in for a revolutionary process that could solve the problem of global warming—if it can be recognized in time. But when a race to control the budding technology begins, the stakes only get higher. *amazon.com*

- Why do you think we're drawn to stories about the end of the world?
- We see politics play a role in this story, what impact could politicians have on climate change? Should science play a part in politics?
- How do we go about talking about the issues that are affecting us world-wide in a way that can create meaningful progress? How do we not feel the same frustration Charlie did when was talking to Strengloft?
- If there were a magic bullet that would solve the challenge of climate change, what would need to be considered in order to deploy it strategically?

