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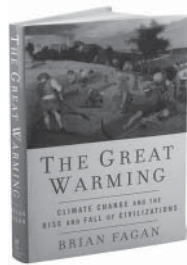
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## **The Great Warming**

By *Brian Fagan*

*Bloomsbury Press, \$26.95, 304 pages*

Renowned author and anthropology professor, Brian Fagan, presents a fascinating book on the Great Warming, a period during the High Middle Ages approximately from the twelfth to the fourteenth centuries when temperatures were a few degrees higher; this led to a period of increased warmth around the globe. Fagan goes into detail focusing on the period of



prosperity, increased agriculture, and an improved way of life for many in Western Europe; in the Arctic waters were warmer, the ice less severe, with travel and discovery made easier. But times were not great for everyone, as Fagan discusses the fall of societies in North and South America, focusing on Chaco Canyon which is a subject Fagan has addressed before. *The Great Warming* is a sobering look at the state of a world in warming, which can lead to prosperity for some societies, and downfall to others. Fagan is obvious with the reference to the global warming taking place today, urging the reader to take heed and learn from the actions and results of civilizations during this great warming period.

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