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and confirmation of the theory [of global warming], Weart dissects the interwoven threads of research and reveals the political and societal subtexts that colored scientists' views and the public reception their work -received." -Andrew C. Revkin, New York Times Book Review
