
This book is the follow up to one of our group’s previous reads, Tim Marshall’s excellent ‘Prisoners of Geography-Ten Maps that Tell you Everything you Need to Know About Global Politics’. In this sequel, Marshall again shines a light on our understanding of geopolitics by directing us to the ten maps which shape our likely future on earth and beyond. He moves smoothly through each nation’s history, current struggles, changing alliances and options for the future. Marshall manages to incorporate humour into his telling of serious and tense world histories. Given the fairly balanced analysis of other areas, our group noted Marshall’s rather cursory look at Scotland as it relates to the current constitutional issue in the U.K. Some of us also ‘discovered’ the Sahel! Overall, this book is another informative explanation and evaluation of today’s geopolitics, exploring the many reasons why the Earth’s atmosphere could be the world’s next battleground. Like Marshall’s previous books, this should be required reading for world leaders.