Earthmasters starts with a good overview of the main ideas for engineering solutions to the climate problem. Hamilton reviews proposals both for getting the carbon out of the atmosphere and for keeping the temperature down even without removing carbon. The technical coverage is good, although he does not always highlight the extent to which judgements about technical issues are inevitably entangled with philosophical and political commitments. Furthermore, the large section that deals with the politics of climate-change denialism is familiar from his earlier work and does not engage entirely with the specifics of climate engineering. In all, Hamilton has put together a smart, timely book. “Do not assume this book is merely an excellent treatment of the pros and cons of geoengineering schemes aimed at slowing climate change. What Earthmasters actually does is examine the dawn of climate engineering as the perilous, ethically fraught final frontier in our species’ long drive to apply technology to control ever-more of the planet. And do not for a second think that the powerful coalition now gathering in support of planet-scale engineering is motivated just to save Mother Earth; as Hamilton observes, some do not even think there is a serious climate issue, and his description of what Hamilton has written several books relating to consumerism and overconsumption. Growth Fetish (2003) became an Australian best-seller and suggests that the unthinking pursuit of economic growth has become a fetish, which has not led to any real improvements in levels of happiness. [12] In Growth Fetish, Hamilton advocates the politics of wellbeing over economic growth. [13] In Affluenza (2005), Hamilton describes how these themes play out at a personal level. Earthmasters: Playing God with the climate, Sydney: Allen & Unwin. Hamilton, Clive (2016). What Do We Want? ’Playing God’ with the climate? Richard Black | 15:34 UK time, Friday, 21 May 2010. Biotech supremo Craig Venter’s latest foray into “synthetic life” is raising all sorts of questions within the domain of medical and scientific ethics. One of the potential uses which he’s looking at for synthetic bacteria - sucking carbon dioxide from the atmosphere - potentially also breaks new ground in the ethics of human effects on the natural world. Dr Venter’s proposed CO2-suckers, if they ever materialise, would basically constitute a new entry into the field of geo-engineering, “Earthmasters: The Dawn of the Age of Climate Engineering”. Talk-Show | Episode aired 20 June 2013. Season 1 | Episode 18. The IMDb editors have selected the films they’re most excited to see in 2021. Have you added these movies to your Watchlist? Browse our picks. When I First Saw Myself Reflected on Screen. Academy Award winner Marlee Matlin reveals how she felt the first time she ever saw a deaf actress on television and discusses the importance of authentic representation on screen. Watch the video. Around The Web. | Powered by ZergNet.