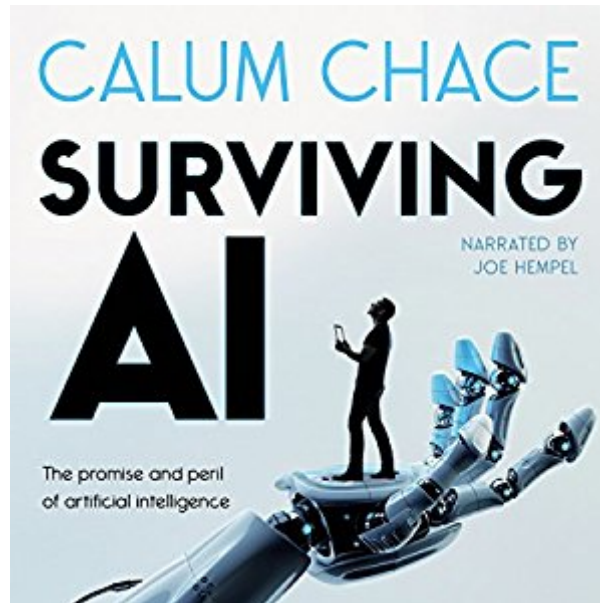


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# Surviving AI: The Promise And Peril Of Artificial Intelligence



## Synopsis

Artificial intelligence is our most powerful technology and, in the coming decades, it'll change everything in our lives. If we get it right, it'll make humans almost godlike. If we get it wrong...well, extinction is not the worst possible outcome. *Surviving AI* is a concise, easy guide to what's coming, taking you through technological unemployment (the economic singularity) and the possible creation of a superintelligence (the technological singularity).

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I started off by listening to this pair do [book: Pandora's Brain|25265038] which didn't impress me at all. It wasn't what I expected being YA SF, but I don't think that was the main issue. I was given both books for an honest review & am really glad I listened to this one. The intro starts out with a mind wrenching reference to smart phones being AI. Well, they are, but not what I normally think of in that regard. Don't let it put you off, though. Chace clears up his definitions fairly quickly in the first chapter & then concentrates on what I expected: Artificial Narrow Intelligence (ANI) & Artificial General Intelligence (AGI). [author: Joe Hempel|14429280]'s reading is perfect for the subject matter. About halfway through, he's given a very good overview of what AI means & to whom - a very important point. Most think of AI as AGI - Colossus running the world or SkyNet destroying the humans - but AI can mean enhancing our own intelligence through information access (smart phones & the Internet) or be very focused like the predictive powers of a search engine. This last is ANI & is pervasive today, amazingly so, & Chace gives a lot of good examples without ever being

boring or repetitive. Fantastic! He then gets in to who is studying what aspects & finally into the various scenarios that could play out when we reach 'singularity' or an actual AGI. His examples for both tend to be on the binary side. While he made a few obvious nods to SF, he missed some of the most interesting. He dismisses any meaningful blend of man & machine mind, thus the possibilities of VR beyond the very obvious. While he mentions augmentation, it is only the most primitive. I don't believe that's a valid area to skip. We're hooking more hardware up to people every day.

Surviving AI: The Promise and Peril of Artificial Intelligence by Calum Chace "Surviving AI" is a very interesting book that looks at the formidable challenges and potential enormous benefits of artificial intelligence. Best-selling author of fiction and non-fiction books, Calum Chace provides readers with keen insights into AI and espouses the need to adopt policies which will encourage the best possible outcomes. This concise 208-page book includes nine chapters broken out by the following four parts: 1. ANI Artificial Narrow Intelligence, 2. AGI Artificial General Intelligence, 3. ASI Artificial Superintelligence, and 4. FAI Friendly Artificial Intelligence. Positives: 1. A well-written and succinct book. 2. The fascinating topic of artificial intelligence and its potential implications. 3. Chace has great command of the topic and is able to convey at an accessible level. 4. Easy format to follow. Chace breaks the book up in logical pieces and ends each chapter with a conclusion that summarizes well his main points. "The bottom line is that we don't know for certain whether we can build a brain, or a conscious machine. But the existence of our own brains, producing rich conscious lives (or so we believe) in seven billion humans around the world, is proof that consciousness can be generated by a material entity " unless you believe in a dualist soul, or something similar. Evolution, although powerful, is slow and inefficient, and science is relatively fast and efficient, so in principle we should be able to build a brain." 5. Does a good job of defining key terms. "Intelligence measures an agent's general ability to achieve goals in a wide range of environments.

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