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With hurricanes and wildfires showing the consequences of climate change, and blackouts and power grid failures revealing the vulnerability of our infrastructure, the promises of clean energy are more urgent than ever. To address their role in climate change, cities across America have set ambitious goals for clean, renewable energy. But what does this mean for our everyday lives? And can solar and wind power help prevent future blackouts? While city and state goals represent significant victories, now, how do we meet those goals? What about individuals, businesses, schools and other institutions? Do small actions actually make a difference?

Stories from The Front Lines of the Clean Energy Revolution addresses all of these questions. Researched meticulously from 2016 through 2019, I present an interdisciplinary look at clean energy, and follow communities, businesses, activists, utilities, and families in an exploration of how everyday Americans cut through the many challenges to create and use clean energy.