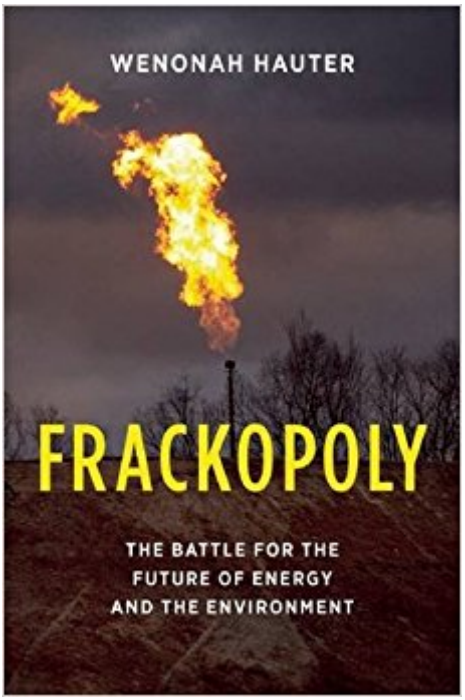
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Frackopoly: The Battle For The Future Of Energy And The Environment



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Synopsis

Over the past decade a new and controversial energy extraction method known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, has rocketed to the forefront of U.S. energy production. With fracking, millions of gallons of water, dangerous chemicals, and sand are injected under high pressure deep into the earth, fracturing hard rock to release oil and gas. Wenonah Hauter, one of the nationÃ¢â ¬â„¢s leading public interest advocates, argues that the rush to fracking is dangerous to the environment and treacherous to human health. Frackopoly describes how the fracking industry began; the technologies that make it possible; and the destruction and poisoning of clean water sources and the release of harmful radiation from deep inside shale deposits, creating what the author calls “sacrifice zonesÃ¢â ¬Â• across the American landscape. The book also examines the powerful interests that have supported fracking, including leading environmental groups, and offers a thorough debunking of its supposed economic benefits. With a wealth of new data, Frackopoly is essential and riveting reading for anyone interested in protecting the environment and ensuring a healthy and sustainable future for all Americans.

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Praise for Frackopoly: “[M]eticulously researched…a page-turner. Hauter describes what could be metaphorically portrayed as a pit of fornicating vipers -- and fracking is their progeny. If Hauter had written this as a novel using the same characters, countries and global intrigue, it would quickly become an international bestseller and a miniseries would soon follow. She describes

bigger-than-life captains of industry and colorful small-time scoundrels who play the system for their own gain. There are secret meetings and global conspiracies. There are also compelling tales of 'the little guy' fighting in the face of overwhelming odds.Ã¢â ¬Â•—National Catholic Reporter “Hauter delivers a passionate history and critique of the energy industry, from Standard Oil to Enron ... [A] journalistic exposÃƒÂ© of fracking outrages in which aggressive entrepreneurs in pursuit of profits wreak havoc on the land and poison the water.Ã¢â ¬Â•—Kirkus Reviews "A truly powerful manifesto about one of the greatest environmental fights on our planet today—from one of its greatest champions!"—Bill McKibben, environmentalist and author of Oil and Honey "Real life anti-fracking superhero Wenonah Hauter delivers the definitive story on how big oil and gas corporations captured our political system and schemed to frack America—and the growing grassroots movement to retake our democracy and protect our planet."—Mark Ruffalo, actor, director, and advisory board member of Americans Against Fracking "Even though I have lived every chapter of this book, from beginning to end, I couldnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t, as a reader, put it down. What makes Frackopoly so riveting is not the economic evidence, public health data, and the political analysis—although thatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s all here, too—but the brilliance of the author as the teller of this tragic-yet-hopeful tale. Wenonah Hauter is that rare narrator—a gifted writer and an environmental leader with a box seat in the public arena. A must-read for all who care about climate change, democracy, clean water, breathable air, and energy policy. Which is to say, all of us. Read this book and let your eyes be opened to the hoodwinking of America by the fracking industry."—Sandra Steingraber, biologist and author of Living Downstream: An EcologistÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Personal Investigation of Cancer and the Environment "At this critical juncture in human history, Frackopoly is a must-read. Rich in history and science, it allows us to understand how weÃ¢â ¬â„¢ve got to this point and gives us the courage to continue the fight. Wenonah Hauter and Food & Water Watch were essential in legitimizing the call to ‘ban frackingÃ¢â ¬â„¢ across the United States. Her book is a powerful account of that vital necessary struggle and where we have to go from here."—Josh Fox, director of Gasland and How to Let Go of the World (and Love All the Things Climate CanÃ¢â ¬â„¢t Change) Praise for Wenonah Hauter's Foodopoly: "Excellent."—Mark Bittman, The New York Times "Foodopoly is politically brave—not just naming names in the agri-industrial complex, but pushing us to think more deeply about the politics and economics that dictate our diets beyond our own roles as shoppers and eaters."—San Francisco Chronicle "A meticulously researched tour de force."—Publishers Weekly

Wenonah Hauter is the executive director of Food & Water Watch, a D.C.-based watchdog organization focused on corporate and government accountability relating to food, water, and fishing. She has worked and written extensively on food, water, energy, and environmental issues at the national, state, and local levels. She owns a working farm in The Plains, Virginia.

Wonderful explanation and lots to things to think very carefully about

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Watching advertising from the American Petroleum Industry on the television I had to ask myself "what's their angle?" After all why does this organization need to advertise to the public? I had to read Frackopoly to see the other side. Of course anybody can write a book about anything that he or she has a willingness to do so. Having the right connections a person get a work published. This does not guarantee the authenticity of the information. However, Wenonah Hauter does excellent research in this effort. Hauter documents her research with verifiable end notes. Verifiable, in that from the sources she provides the reader can check the accuracy of these sources from other independent sources, should the reader be so inclined. This is important to me because this day in age it seems everyone has, "an angle", whether it is pro-industry, pro-worker, pro-environment or pro-anything. Being pro-anything does not mean honesty will be a part of the agenda, just getting the target audience on board is what is important. Hauter presents her case here in a matter of fact manner, with well documented research. Frackopoly is well worth the read.

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For the uninitiated, fracking is a process of unconventional natural gas extraction in which millions of gallons of water, tons of sand, and unknown quantities of toxic chemicals are injected from holes drilled miles underground, to fracture rock and release oil and gas. The author Wenonah Hauter, who is the founder and executive director of Food & Water Watch, makes it clear in her introduction that ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“FrackopolyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• is a treatise against fracking. From air pollution,

water contamination, and public health risks caused by fracking to its serious impacts on climate change, Hauter lays out the case for banning fracking. While much of frackingÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s impacts may already be familiar to the average person and certainly environmental activists, as anyone who has ever dealt with the oil & gas industry knows, the devil is in the details. No matter what you know -- or think you know -- about fracking, you donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t know the history of fracking like Hauter tells it. And what a compelling story this is. Hauter takes readers on an engrossing journey through time from the 19th century to the 21st century in a thorough and well-researched chronicle of how the oil & gas industry amassed geopolitical dominance and became the most powerful and unregulated industry in the world.Living in Colorado, ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“one of the most fracked states in the countryÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• with over 53,000 active wells, I literally marinade in frackingÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s impacts. I thought I knew a lot about fracking but I didnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t know the half of it. Hauter filled in loads of missing details and gaps in history for me. I often say that the oil & gas industry rules the world and they just allow the rest of us to live in it. HauterÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“FrackopolyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• proves my point. Yet her message is one of hope, not discouragement. As much information as there is here to be absorbed, there are many lessons as well. At this critical point in history with climate change upon us, this book should be required reading for every human on the planet -- most especially politicians. You donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t need to be an environmentalist or anti-fracking activist to learn the lessons of ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Frackopoly.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• You just need to care about the future.

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