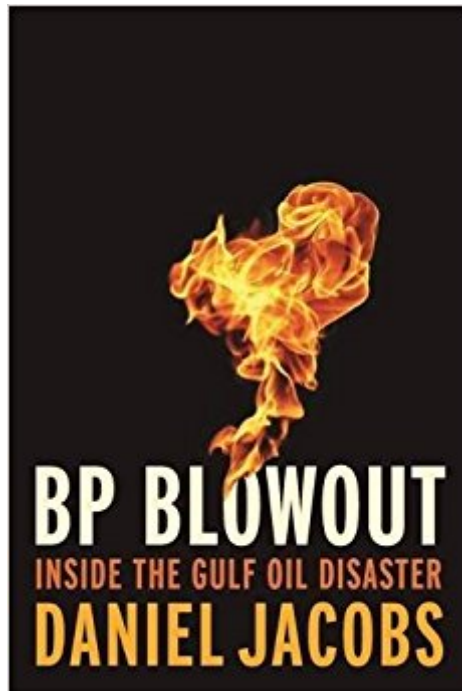




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More than six years after the blowout at the Deepwater Horizon, we're still monitoring and assessing the fallout from what is the worst environmental disaster in our country's history. Daniel Jacobs's detailed narrative underscores the importance of getting it right; that is, the attitudes and safeguards critical to ensuring that offshore drilling is, in fact, done safely in the Gulf and elsewhere. Lest we forget. William K. Reilly, co-chair, National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling If a newspaper report is the first draft of history, Daniel Jacobs's book is an initial library edition of what happened before, during, and especially after the BP Gulf Oil Disaster. The insights contained here will accelerate understanding of the oceans, a global industry, and the technology and politics intended to allow them to function safely in the same space. Bob Graham, co-chair, National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling

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From someone who heard little to nothing about the disaster growing up (perhaps simply a bit in the newspaper or seeing the spillcam on television), I was able to understand step-by-step the tragedy that ensued and the full force that this disaster caused. Clearly written and well investigated, this book was quite a page turner for me.

Wonderfully written. The writing is done in such a way that you're able to understand this incident no

matter your age or education. With this being arguably the worst environmental disaster in U.S history, this book seems to be a great tool to educate everyone on the mistakes that were made, so that we can hopefully learn from them in order to protect the future.

Great overview. Not technical.

I was hoping to get a book that detailed the deep water horizon as a history of events. While some of that existed, the book delved between the author dishing out lessons on environmental and business ethics to events surrounding the disaster. Maybe I should have gone with 3 stars, but given my boredom and reading for the sake of finishing put me in the 2 star slot

Had to put it down midway through chapter 2. There were so many errors that were just plain frustrating, I felt that early in the book that I couldn't trust any other facts presented. From simple math to stating that the spill occurred in the wrong year. The tone of the book was a bit snarky for me too. I'm a Gulf scientist and as outraged as anyone else about the spill, but the author's tone makes it feels as if it was a personal assault on him. It also just didn't flow well. Sections were disjointed and awkwardly juxtaposed. I often felt the same things were stated multiple times in different places and that other information was inserted where it didn't fit.

This is a terrific book for anyone who wants to get their hands around the details of the BP Gulf oil disaster, from the company culture, to the specific decisions leading up to the blowout, the trial, the regulatory responses and future prospects. Professor Jacobs really hits full stride beginning with Chapter 6 when he tells the inside stories of the legal battles, the trial, and government attempts to spin public perceptions of its decisions, both before and after the spill. It's a remarkably quick read, but one packed with a wealth of information that provides a full and factual picture of what transpired in the Gulf. Definitely five stars!

Great book with lots of interesting insights about the consequences of the blowout, as well as how it affected many people and communities. As a student enrolled in Professor Jacobs class at Loyola Marymount University, I and my peers learned many remarkable facts about the blowout thanks to this book. I highly recommend this book if you haven't read it!

A novel view on the disaster that gives a thorough and comprehensive overview of the different

stakeholders and outcomes involved during and, especially, in the aftermath and recovery of the disaster. Great to see an account of the disaster that covers so many of the different interrelated environmental, law, and economics components and consequences of the spill.

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