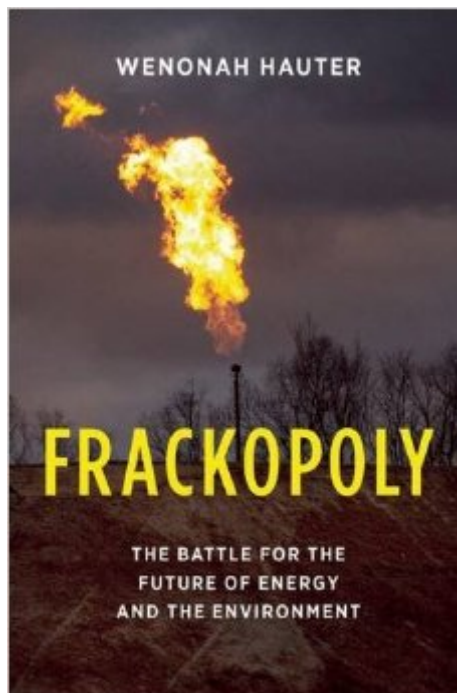


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Frackopoly: The Battle For The Future Of Energy And The Environment



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 nation'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 zones" 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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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 *Frackopoly* 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 fracking'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 don'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, one of the most fracked states in the country with over 53,000 active wells, I literally marinated in fracking's impacts. I thought I knew a lot about fracking but I didn'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. Hauter's *Frackopoly* proves my point. Yet her message is one of hope, not discouragement.

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