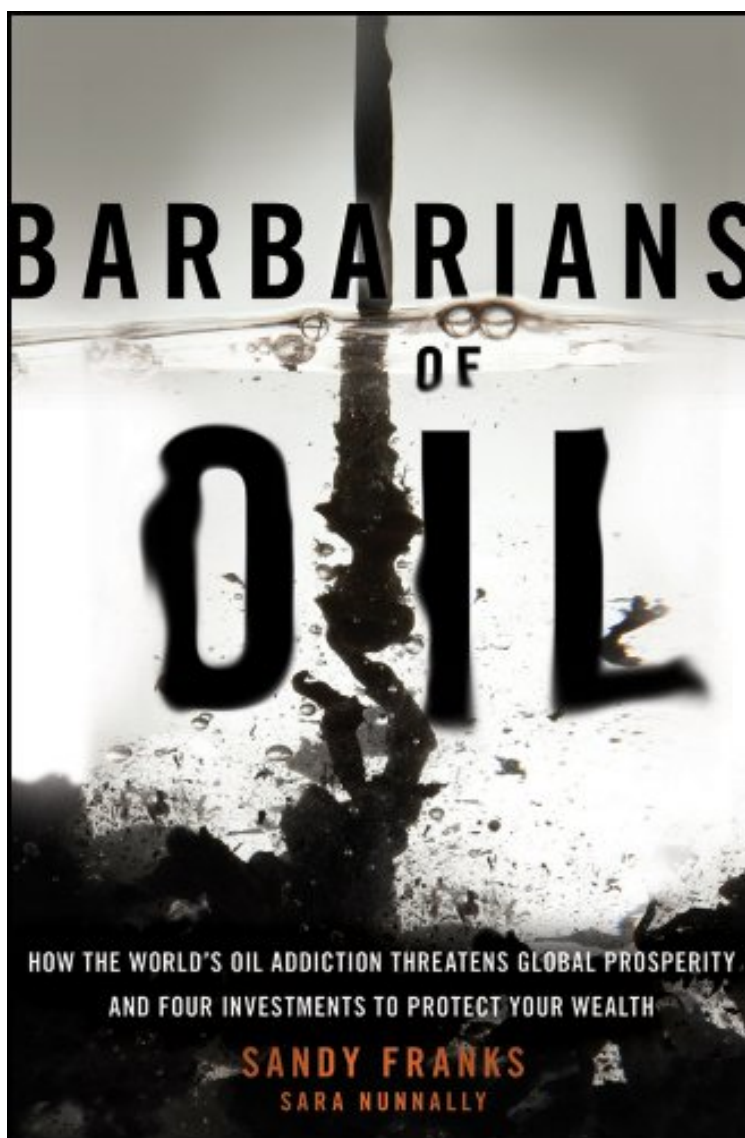


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**Sandy Franks, Sara Nunnally : Barbarians of Oil: How the World's Oil Addiction Threatens Global Prosperity and Four Investments to Protect Your Wealth (Agora Series)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Barbarians of Oil: How the World's Oil Addiction Threatens Global Prosperity and Four Investments to Protect Your Wealth (Agora Series):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The book answered many questions I had of the history of oil exploration. and production and world exploitation. By Harold A Voshage As a former machining company owner I have always been intrigued by mining and the oil business. It was revealing that there seems to have been many oil spills that may not have been reported. Having observed the oil fields first hand at Prudoe Bay in Alaska I was impressed with the good infrastructure, but of course I only saw some of the vast installations. I enjoyed the book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Barbarians of Oil a great book By Claudius An excellent follow on from Barbarians of Wealth. This is the sort of education that we should have had at school. There is much to learn from the history of oil and the ethics or lack of, of the participants. The undue influence upon many aspects of our lives and is this what we approve of. For those wanting to know just how damaging the oil industry is to the ecology of this planet and our future this is a must read as it covers many of the areas where oil is being taken from and the messes left behind. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Full of inaccuracies, errors and poor editing By thomsarg Don't waste your money, even though you can purchase it at less than \$3 now. I was hoping for an interesting read on the history of the oil industry, instead I found a book full of inaccurate statistics and errors. For example, in chapter 2, the author states about the Bradford well, drilled in 1875 in Pennsylvania: "In 1875, the well was producing about 25,000 barrels of oil a day. However, just one year later, the well was producing as much as 382,000 barrels of oil. In 1876, it skyrocketed to an incredible 1,468,000 barrels of oil a day" These numbers seemed a bit high at first read, so I did a little checking. According to the American Refinery Group's history of the Bradford field, in 1875 the production from the fields wells ranged from 75 to 200 barrels daily. Production from the entire State of PA was less than 10 million barrels for 1876. (If the authors were to be believed, 10 million barrels would have been produced by this single well in only 8 days.) Looking further, the largest daily recorded flow from a single producing well was 204,000 barrels a day. While the numbers themselves appear to be incorrect, pay attention also to the writing.... "In 1875... just one year later (that would be 1876, right?)... In 1876, it skyrocketed" Wait 1875+1=1876, then in 1876? Confusing writing and poor editing, at the very least. Another example.. on page 69, "The new company now known as Royal Dutch Shell was launched in 1890". Only two pages further, on page 71, "About 1907 another deal was struck.... The new company would be known as Royal Dutch Shell". Huh? Well, they were partly correct... Royal Dutch Shell was formed in 1907. The company formed in 1890?... Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, who would in 1907, merge with Shell Oil. These are just a couple of examples of the many errors, both factual and grammatical, found throughout the book. They take away from what could have been an interesting story.

An engaging look at the global oil industry and how to navigate the price volatility and new policies associated with it. Oil is a constantly changing industry, and with the recent BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, more changes are expected. From extra equipment, higher-cost insurance, and expensive technology to mandatory third-party inspections, costly delays, and shifting investments, analysts say the price tag of regulation will be stiff and not confined to the Gulf. The oil industry affects everyone, and the machinations of a few industry heads, the "Barbarians of Oil," can drastically change the lives of investors and consumers. In *Barbarians of Oil* author Sandy Franks offers the tips needed to avoid future market dips and dives as well as safeguard your investments and profit in the future. Details the petro-land grab in Africa, the Bush-Halliburton Era, the Gulf Wars, and the political dangers to the United States in Iran, Iraq, and other oil-rich nations. Looks at the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and the impending long-term effects on investments and policy. Explores the evolution of the modern oil industry including major corporations such as ExxonMobil, ConocoPhillips, Chevron, and BP. *Barbarians of Oil* is a timely must read for hard-working Americans concerned with their prosperity, as well as for those fascinated with the inner workings of the oil industry.

'fascinating' bullfax.com From the Inside Flap "I'd put my money on the sun and solar energy. What a source of power! I hope we don't have to wait until oil and coal run out before we tackle that." — Thomas Edison (1931) Look up the word "barbarian" in a thesaurus and you'll find upward of thirty synonyms, all of them grim. Among the standouts, particularly as they relate to the subject of this book, are: savage, nihilist, brute, hooligan, rascal, thug, wrecker, destroyer, and cannibal. While using such terms to characterize Big Oil generally, or the cast of characters that made it what it is today, may strike you as a bit strong, it will seem mild by the time you've finished *Barbarians of Oil*. From Colonel Drake's first big strike in Titusville, Pennsylvania, in 1858, to John D. Rockefeller's cutthroat machinations in creating the Standard Oil monopoly; from the discovery of oil in the Mideast to OPEC's engineering of the oil crisis in 1979; from the Gulf oil wars of the past two decades to the murderous petro-land grab currently underway in the Niger Delta; and from the Seven Stones Shoal oil spill at Cornwall, England, in 1967, to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, *Barbarians of Oil* chronicles one-and-a-half centuries of fraud, deceit, wanton environmental destruction, and geopolitical perfidy—all in the name of King Crude. Franks and Nunnally vividly describe how oil became the linchpin of the global economy and how it came to play an indispensable role in virtually every facet of modern life. And they explain how, despite an array of viable renewable energy alternatives, some of them predating the discovery of oil, renewable energy has been and continues to be hamstrung by Big Oil and its

political cat's paws. In the final chapters of *Barbarians of Oil*, the authors speculate that, after having achieved its apotheosis during the Bush/Cheney/Halliburton administration, Big Oil's hundred-and-fifty year imperial reign is approaching an end. With the help of inspiring case studies—including that of Samso, Denmark, the world's first fully oil-independent island—they report on successful initiatives, both at the grassroots and national levels, to transition to renewable energy sources. And they offer expert investment tips on the most promising emerging markets, including battery tech, wind and solar technologies, moto-metals, and biofuels. Oil dependence has brought our species to a critical turning point, and "adapt or die" is the rule of the day. How did we get here, and what does the future hold? What can we do to safeguard our prosperity? Read *Barbarians of Oil* and find out.

From the Back Cover "Authors Franks and Nunnally have done readers a great justice in *Barbarians of Oil* by exposing the dishonest tricks and tactics oil companies use to hoodwink us into thinking we have no options for energy other than oil. What's worse, Washington bureaucrats and automobile manufacturers have supported their antics for decades. The authors show us in plain truth and mince no words that Big Oil has set us on a path of economic destruction by relying solely on oil. This is a must-read, especially as oil tops \$100 a barrel."—MYLES NORIN, CEO, Agora Publishing

"Outside of sex and religion, nothing is more fascinating than the story of oil. Its many effects on modern economies can scarcely be counted, let alone fully measured. In fact, oil—cheap oil—may be an essential ingredient for our standard of living as well as our style of living. Sandy Franks gives us another way to look at it . . . another way to understand this amazing story. Everyone should read this book."—BILL BONNER, bestselling author, *Financial Reckoning Day*

"People have been shedding blood for oil for over one hundred years now, and Sandy Franks tells us how in *Barbarians of Oil*. She and Nunnally show how the Industrial Revolution was really an Energy Revolution—with crude oil as the powerful king. And now, we learn how oil's bloody reign could end and how investors could profit from a new era in energy."—DAN DENNING, author, *The Bull Hunter*

"Oil is ubiquitous. You can't begin to understand U.S. society, global economics, international politics or the fragile alliances that dominate the headlines today without first understanding oil and its impact. Nor can you hope to build a portfolio you can rely on, if you haven't first considered oil and its alternatives as an asset class. *Barbarians of Oil* is as concise and straightforward a guide as you can hope to find on the subject. It's a quick, even fun, 'must.' The investment advice you get at the end is a pure bonus." —ADDISON WIGGIN, bestselling author of *Empire of Debt*, *Financial Reckoning Day* and *The Demise of the Dollar*