

Is It Getting Hot in Here?

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Books

Klare, Michael. *Blood and Oil.* 333.794 Klare 2004

Michael Klare explores American dependence on foreign oil and its influence on U.S. foreign policy. Klare argues that oil "is unique among the worlds' resources – it has more potential than any of the others to provoke major crises and conflicts in the years ahead" (p. xiii).

Crosby, Alfred. *Children of the Sun.* 333.79 Crosby 2006

"Modern civilization is the product of an energy binge." (p. xiv) Alfred Crosby charts the history of humans' use of the energy provided by the sun, and looks ahead to possible futures.

Vaitheeswaran, Vijay. *Power to the People.* 333.79 Vaithees 2003

"Can we move beyond today's dirty energy system to one that is cleaner, smarter and altogether more sustainable? Absolutely." (p. 4) Vaitheeswaran, a correspondent for the Economist, discusses the rise of market forces in the energy sector, the effects of environmentalism on energy policy, and technological innovations in the energy business.

Roberts, Paul. *The End of Oil.* 333.79 Roberts 2004

Roberts describes his book as "an introduction, a way for nonexperts to begin to think about what experts have long known: that energy is the single most important resource, that our current energy system is failing, and that the shape of the next energy economy is being decided right now – with or without us." (p. 17)

Sweet, William. *Kicking the Carbon Habit.* 333.794 Sweet 2006

William Sweet focuses on coal: the use of coal to generate electricity, the science behind theories of climate change, and new low- and non-carbon technologies. According to Sweet, "there's been a revolution in climate science in the last fifty years – and we are still a long way from acting adequately on the new knowledge acquired." (p. ix)

Williams, Wendy. *Cape Wind.* 333.92 Williams 5/2007

What happens when an energy developer wants to build a wind farm in Nantucket Sound? Renewable energy collides with entrenched interests in this cautionary tale. "When the democratic process could be sold like this to the highest bidder... what did this mean for the future of America?" (p. xxiv)

Eberhart, Mark. *Feeding the Fire.* 333.79 Eberhart 05/2007

Eberhart presents thermodynamics, energy metabolism and the history of energy use in layman's terms, to make a persuasive case for the need to change course. "Thirty years from now the world's superpowers will not be those with the most powerful militaries; they will be the countries that imagine an efficient energy future and apply the world's knowledge to make this future real." (p. xviii)

Ghazvinian, John. *Untapped: The Scramble for Africa's Oil* 333.8232 Ghazvini 2007

Ghazvinian examines Africa's oil boom and it's social, political and economic consequences for both Africa and the world. He asks: should we "think of Africa's booming oil production as fundamentally a blessing disguised as a curse or a curse disguised as a blessing?" (p. 16)

Heinberg, Richard. *Powerdown: Options and Actions for a Post-Carbon World.* 333.79 Heinberg 2004

Richard Heinberg examines the choices we may all have to make as conventional energy sources begin to wane. Will we decide to compete or cooperate? "I believe that attempting to maintain business as usual during the coming decades will merely ensure catastrophic collapse." (p. 15)

DVDs and Videos

DVD 629.2293 Who

Who Killed the Electric Car? (2006) Investigates the birth and death of the electric car, as well as the role of renewable energy and sustainable living in the future.

DVD Inconven 7-Day 2006

An Inconvenient Truth (2006). An Academy Award winning documentary about former Vice-President Al Gore's personal crusade against global warming.

VIDEO (Various call numbers)

The Prometheus Principle (2001). A series of seven videos on current and future energy sources.

Websites on Energy Policy:

U.S. Department of Energy

<http://www.energy.gov>

Energy Information Administration

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/>

Center for Energy and Environmental Policy

<http://ceep.udel.edu/ceep.html>

National Commission on Energy Policy

<http://www.energycommission.org>

U.S. bi-partisan panel of energy experts.

National Energy Foundation

<http://www.nef1.org/>

National Resources Defense Council – Energy Plan

<http://www.nrdc.org/air/energy/rep/repinx.asp>

Public Interest Research Group

<http://www.uspirg.org/>

Websites on Conservation:

18 Seconds

<http://green.yahoo.com/18seconds/>

Energy Star

<http://www.energystar.gov/>

Popular Mechanics: Your World-Saving, Bill-Cutting Home Starts Here

<http://www.popularmechanics.com/footprint>

What's Your Ecological Footprint?

<http://www.ecofoot.org/>