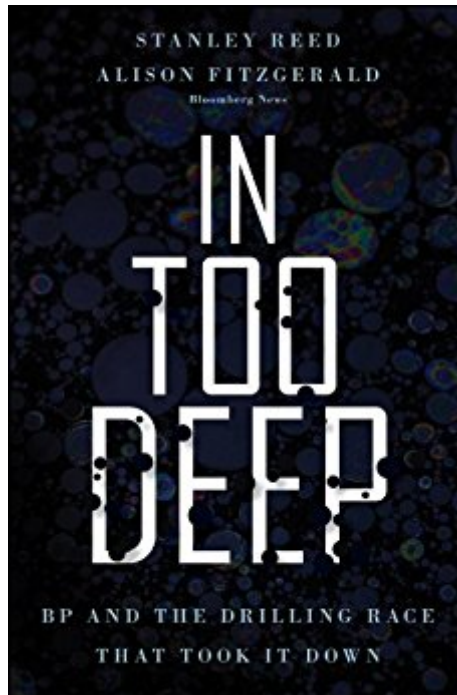


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In Too Deep: BP And The Drilling Race That Took It Down (Bloomberg)



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The truth behind the greatest environmental disaster in U.S. history In 2005, fifteen workers were killed when BP's Texas City Refinery exploded. In 2006, corroded pipes owned by BP led to an oil spill in Alaska. Now, in 2010, eleven men drilling for BP were killed in the blowout of the Macondo well in the Gulf of Mexico. What's next? In *In Too Deep: BP and the Drilling Race That Took it Down*, Stanley Reed—a journalist who has covered BP for over a decade—and investigative reporter Alison Fitzgerald answer not only that question, but also examine why these disasters happen to BP so much more than other large oil companies. Places the blame on a corporate culture created by former BP CEO John Browne who was forced to resign in 2007 after he lied in court documents in a case involving his gay lover Details a BP built on risk-taking and cost-cutting Examines the past, present, and future of BP In August 2010, BP successfully "killed" the company's damaged deepwater well. But, the environmental fallout and public relations campaign to rebuild the brand are just beginning. *In Too Deep* details why BP, why now, and what's next for this oil giant.

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The vast majority of press reports about BP's horrific oil spill revolved around environmental consequences and clean up efforts. This book fills in the gaps. It explains the fascinating details behind deep water drilling - and what went wrong in this case. And it gives the story of the rise of BP - and John Browne - and shows how a corporate culture that valued profit above safety eventually led to this environmental and economic catastrophe. Great story well told.

I opened the book upon receipt to scan the forward, and was immediately taken in. This true account of the business culture at BP reads like an international thriller, since the reader knows the disaster is coming. The corporate "characters" were introduced in advance, keeping the reader on top of the interplay from the start. The global nature of the executive story juxtaposed with the oil rig setting of the gulf was fascinating. As a lay person, reading what goes on behind the scenes was enthralling, and the writers clearly had detailed knowledge of both the main players and the industry. A great read, better than an industry expose, more fun than a bestselling thriller by Grisham or Clancy! Well done!

The book is very well written and reflects the vast knowledge that the authors have about the industry and its inner workings. Barring some poor editing in spots, the book comes across as a fast paced examination of the events leading up to the disaster at Macondo. It is a fairly even handed examination of the fiasco and does not dwell too much on the mundane details which have been published elsewhere. The value and appeal of the book is in its in-depth character examinations of the key players - especially Lord Browne. While the best and perhaps the most definitive book on the disaster thus far will remain the Government report, I would also recommend reading Loren Steffy's *Drowning in oil* as a good complement to this one.

It does read like a novel. A very enjoyable story of the inside politics and characters of a giant multinational corporation. Compelling and entertaining.

After reading about 6 books on the Deepwater Horizon, I was very lucky to have left this one for last. As someone else said, it fills in the gaps and does not place blame. I continue to nurture great admiration for BP's highlights over the other major oil giants.

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