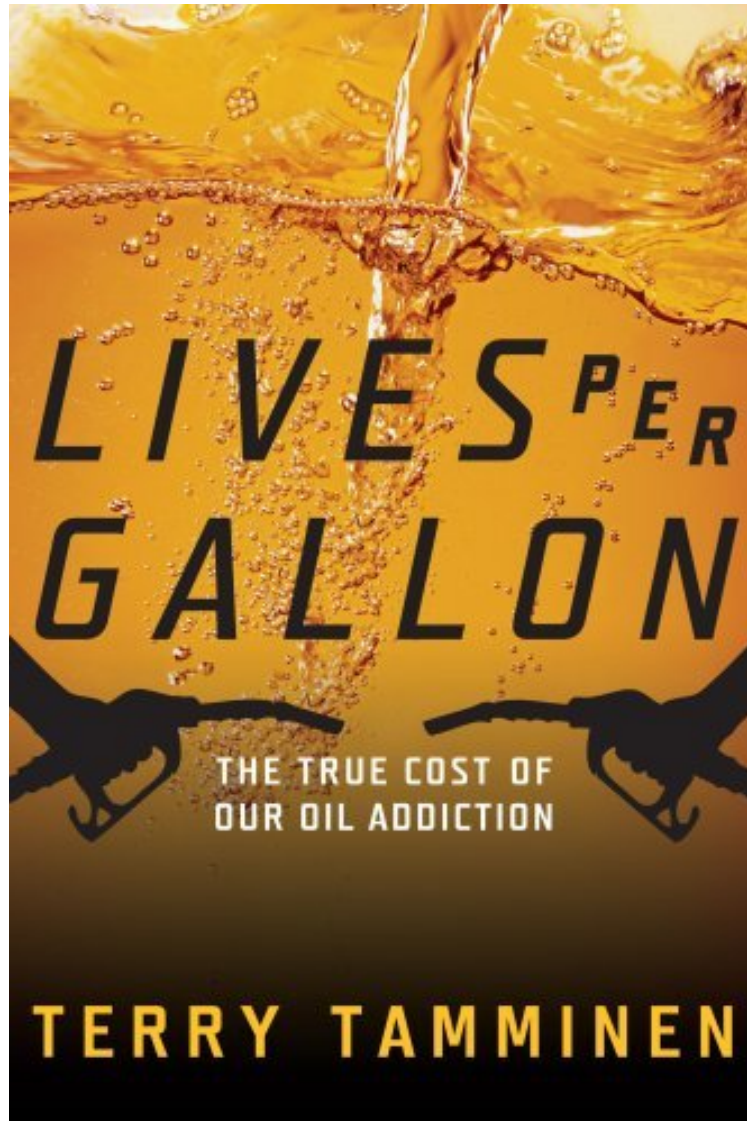


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neighborhoods where people have little say in what happens in their communities. That is because no one, if they had a choice, would breathe the air being spewed from oil refineries. The same can be said about major freeways and highways. They never cut through affluent areas, as people would block the construction of them. As a result, the poorest among us have the most health related problems related to exposure to the byproducts of petroleum distillation and use. And, that costs every taxpayer, as many of these people are either underinsured or uninsured. Another cost associated with petroleum is the wars we fight to maintain access to supplies of it, as well as the amount of money we are shipping to countries where there are people that want to eliminate our society. That effect has mitigated due to new production in the US, but we need to start weaning ourselves from the material to continue to be able to supply our own needs. The book details many other costs, and is an interesting, if a tad academic in nature. It is particularly interesting to read now due to the changes that have occurred since it was written. We can now see the very real costs, versus those that have self mitigated.

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By Geoffrey Holland  
Terry Tamminen has seen the ravages of big oil first hand in many places around the world. A skilled and engaging writer, he weaves his experiences into a compelling narrative that includes a lot of well documented research to make the case that the world must end its dependence on fossil energy in general and oil in particular. In his former role as California's Secretary of the Environment, Tamminen helped design and implement a series of initiatives that have made California a world leader in the emerging era of clean, renewably generated energy. Lives Per Gallon reports on the technology now available that will fight global warming and end our dependence on dirty energy. Tamminen shows that hydrogen, serving as a pollution free energy carrier, is a big part of the answer. I think he is right. This is a great read for anyone who wants to get involved and back a winner in the energy endgame.

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Tamminen does a superb job of detailing how the oil industry has put the world in such a precarious position, both environmentally and human health wise, all just for corporate greed. He makes a startling comparison of the same actions taken by the tobacco industry that should make all users of petroleum think twice before continuing to support this destructive industry's path.

Looks at the health, environmental, and national security costs hidden in every barrel of oil. This book presents a searing indictment of America's oil economy and a prescription for change. It contains tales of corporations knowingly exposing citizens to poisonous chemicals and conspiring to derail public transportation.

"America's prosperity, our independence and security, our democracy and our ideals, our international leadership and national pride are all dependent on our breaking our lethal oil addiction. Terry Tamminen has turned the spotlight of clarity on the defining issue of our age." (Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. President, Waterkeeper Alliance)