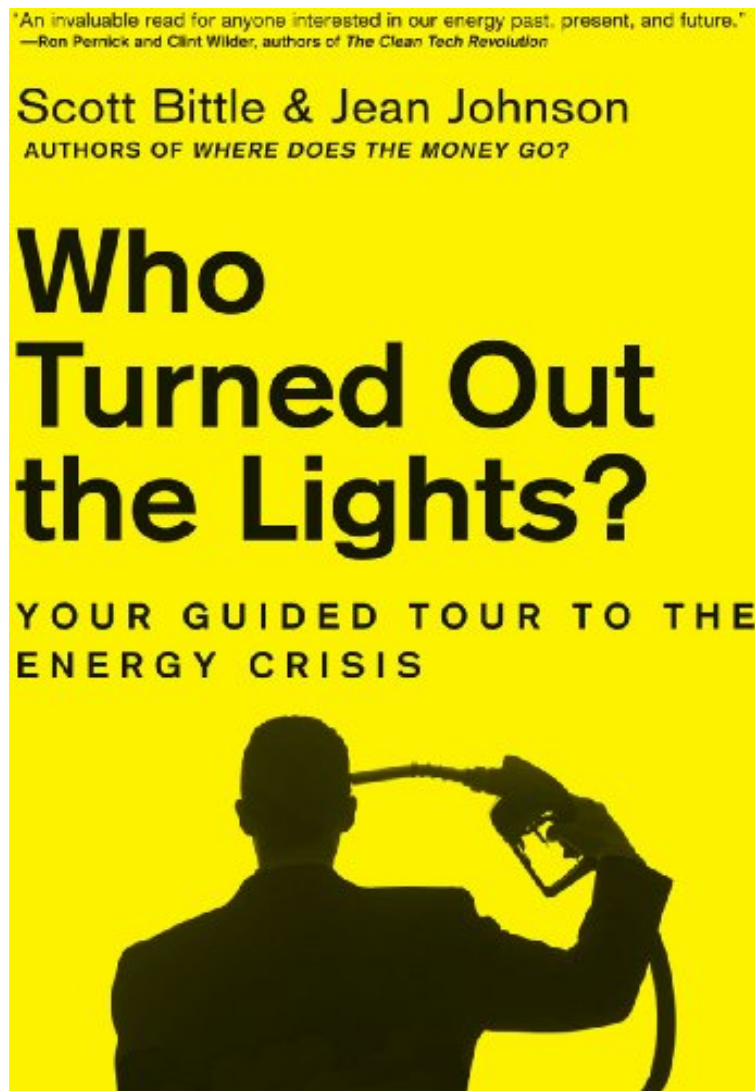


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facts to support what it presents, so don't expect it to be just a lot of opinions. That is probably what I enjoyed from the book the most. It gives you the writer's view, but it also gives evidence for the opposing side. Def worth a red.0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Wolf in Sheep's ClothingBy JennsdadI bought the book in the hope of gaining knowledge and insights. Total fail. Even the voluminous facts in the book are suspect for a couple of reasons. Selective facts, even when real are often as effective as lying.The other reason is that the book advertises itself as "...entertaining, irreverent, and absolutely essential NONPARTISAN guide to the energy crisis."Unfortunately, very early on in the book the authors state that their overarching premise is that "global warming is a fatal threat to earth, and is man-caused." Something that Obama and the climate hysterical fraudsters would say : aka a lie in fancy dress.Having followed the "crisis" seriously since the 70s (I was on the city Energy Task force for 12 years) , I feel well informed on both the hysterics and the history of the topic, as well as the, still, absolute impracticability of "free energy" the without massive and invisible taxpayer wasted subsidies. As true today, perhaps more so, than in 1972.Other little but important factors are left out entirely within the important contexts. For instance it is repeated over and over, that our population has grown greatly in the last 30 years, and that corresponding energy usage has tracked that increase.Not entirely true. No mention is made of microwave ovens, huge energy savers or the almost doubling of the automobile gas mileage. The clear offsetting innovations are simply ignored.One additional critical subject that has never, in my experience been scientifically examined and/or discussed : the question of alternative sources of energy, and it's effect on local and global weather, and, ultimately, climate. Energy, like matter, can be neither "created" or "destroyed." It can just be transformed. Extracting terrawatts of energy from the atmosphere or the oceans MUST have an eventual effect on the natural processes of nature. To what extent this might be a bad (or good) thing has been studiously ignored, because it does not fit into the ignorant, political, artificially created "crisis."In short, this book is just another propaganda piece for the science challenged, science-moronic ignorant politicians, seeking ways to just find creative ways of picking our pockets, eliminating freedom and growing government.In closing, I would change the cover graphics to a broken, destroyed hydroelectric dam. The least damaging way to create energy, instead of the asinine image of a human being "shooting" himself in the head (not so subtle suicide) with a gas pump nozzle.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting Views and Helpful HintsBy Jerry A. Simonsen Jr.I was introduced to this by one of my Petroleum Engineering Instructors for a good read on the Oil and Gas Industry. You have to appreciate the subject and know a little of the industry to get completely engrossed in this book, but I found it a fairly easy read and very helpful on alot of my views.

Who Turned Out the Lights? is an entertaining and nonpartisan guide to the current U.S. energy crisis from Scott Bittle and Jean Johnson, coauthors of the breakout bestseller Where Does the Money Go? At once light-hearted and fun;like Jon Stewart's America: The Book and Stephen Colbert's I am America (and So Can You!)and deadly serious, Who Turned Out the Lights? helps readers understand what's really at stake in the energy debate, an intelligent answer to the partisan Capital Hill squabbling between the "Drill, Baby, Drill" and "Every Day is Earth Day" lobbies.

In this clear, concise, and accessible book, Bittle and Johnson go beyond name calling and finger pointing and take a refreshing middle ground. It's an invaluable read for anyone interested in our energy past, present, and future.From the Back CoverFrom the editors of PublicAgenda.org, an entertaining, irreverent, and absolutely essential nonpartisan guide to the energy crisisEnergy: It's a problem that never goes away (despite our best efforts as a nation to ignore it). Why has there been so much talk and so little action? In Who Turned Out the Lights? Scott Bittle and Jean Johnson offer a much-needed reality check: The "Drill, Baby, Drill" versus "Every Day Is Earth Day" battle is not solving our problems, and the finger-pointing is just holding us up.Sorting through the political posturing and confusing techno-speak, they provide a fair-minded, "let's skip the jargon" explanation of the choices we face. And chapters such as "It's All Right Now (In Fact, It's a Gas)" prove that, while the problem is serious, getting a grip on it doesn't have to be. In the end, the authors present options from the right, left, and center but take just one position: The country must change the way it gets and uses energy, and the first step is to understand the choices.About the AuthorScott Bittle is an award-winning journalist, policy analyst, and web producer who has written extensively about the federal budget, energy, and foreign policy.Jean Johnson writes frequently about public opinion and public policy and is the author of You Can't Do It Alone, a book on how parents, teachers, and students see education issues. Both authors are senior fellows at Public Agenda and blog frequently for the Huffington Post, National Geographic, and other outlets.Scott Bittle is an award-winning journalist, policy analyst, and web producer who has written extensively about the federal budget, energy, and foreign policy.Jean Johnson writes frequently about public opinion and public policy and is the author of You Can't Do It Alone, a book on how parents, teachers, and students see education issues. Both authors are senior fellows at Public Agenda and blog frequently for the Huffington Post, National Geographic, and other outlets.