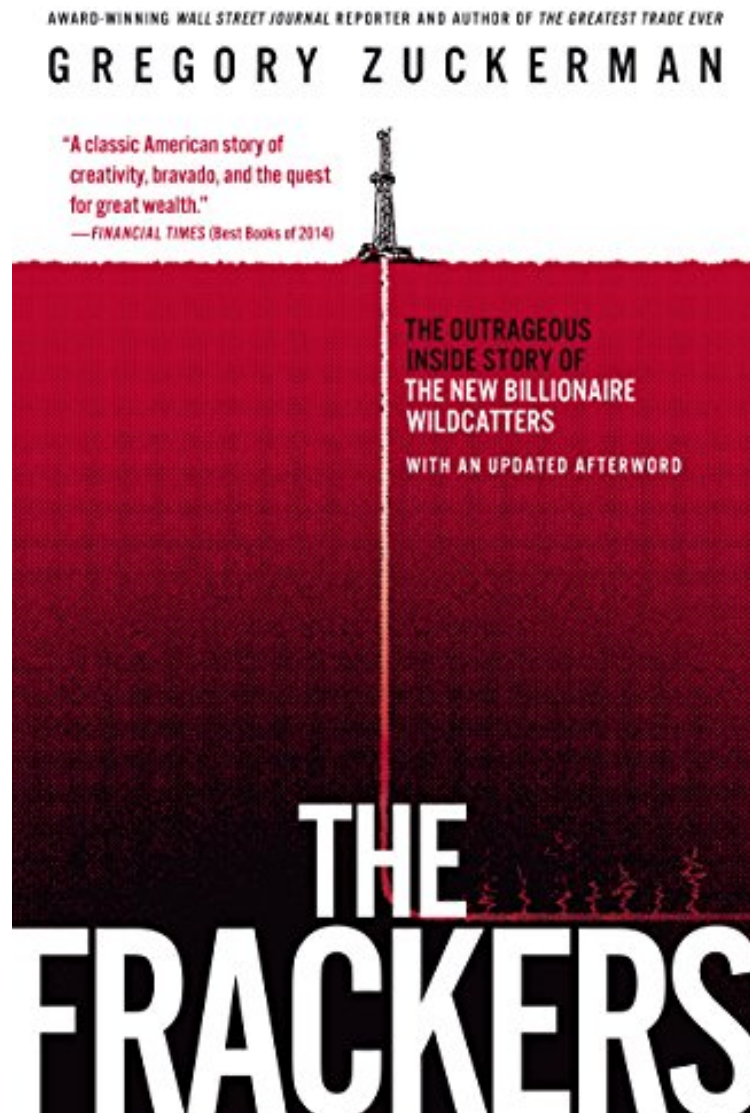


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great book to start with. It provided history about fracking and identified the key players who made it happen. It also explained the interaction between the companies and state and federal governments; current through the end of 2013. It also touched on the state of fracking in other countries outside the U.S. I think this book is still relevant and recommend it as a good starting point for someone wanting to learn about fracking. It will provide the reader with the necessary framework to read and understand more detailed information about fracking.<sup>2</sup> of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Fascinating Read By Mike Moody As the title says, this book is primarily a history of five or six prominent players in the shale fracking energy revolution. Some were lifelong wildcatters, others were simply investors interested in the oil and gas industry and the book focuses primarily on them and others to give a history of fracking in the US. The writing is excellent, the story flows smoothly, and the characters are quite colorful. From an Egyptian-born former restaurant owner to a high school educated wildcatter turned billionaire to engineers, geologists and investors, the people described are fascinating as you follow their successes and failures in trying to drill for oil. The author doesn't focus too much on the technical details of the techniques and technology advances that made cost effective shale drilling possible, but he does give enough of an overview to give the reader an idea of what it took to make the energy revolution possible. The main action in the book starts in the early 1990s and ends in 2014. This is a great read and recommended for anyone interested in shale energy or just enjoys interesting character-driven nonfiction.<sup>3</sup> of 3 people found the following review helpful. Insightful book of American wildcatters By Kerrick I've followed American oil and gas wildcatters for a decade. Zuckerman wrote a great story highlighting some of the largest egos in the fields and the risks they took to make fortunes, go broke, and establish America's dependence of energy.

"A lively, exciting, and definitely thought-provoking book." —Booklist Things looked grim for American energy in 2006, but a handful of wildcatters were determined to tap massive deposits of oil and gas that giants like Exxon and Chevron had ignored. They risked everything on a new process called fracking. Within a few years, they solved America's dependence on imported energy, triggered a global environmental controversy, and made and lost astonishing fortunes. No one understands the frackers—their ambitions, personalities, and foibles—better than Wall Street Journal reporter Gregory Zuckerman. His exclusive access drives this dramatic narrative, which stretches from North Dakota to Texas to Wall Street.

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