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# Groundswell: The Case For Fracking



## Synopsis

From the bestselling author of *Ethical Oil* comes a provocative exploration of the shale gas rush. Levant explains what fracking is and explores what its enemies do not want you to know and why it has the potential to change our future. In *Groundswell*, Ezra Levant examines the fracking revolution. Fracking (from "fracturing") involves injecting millions of gallons of water mixed with sand and chemicals into a well deep underground to fracture shale rock and release previously inaccessible reserves of oil and gas. The United States, Canada, North Africa, and the Middle East have vast reserves of shale gas and accessing it will mean a seismic shift in energy geopolitics. With natural gas in abundance, prices fall and the stranglehold by energy companies like Russia's Gazprom loosens. OPEC, environmentalists, and communities throughout North America are fighting hard to stop fracking, and Levant debunks their motivations and arguments, while arguing that fracking's benefits outweigh its costs, even environmentally. With *Ethical Oil*, Levant completely changed the debate surrounding Canada's oil sands. In this timely and controversial book he provides desperately needed perspective on a subject of growing global importance.

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Praise for *Ethical Oil*: "Ever provocative and controversial, Levant provides an alternative perspective on the development of Canada's oil sands. . . . Levant tackles a global issue that has an overwhelming impact on Canada and its place in the world." - National Business Book Award

citation" "[Ethical Oil] has clearly had a huge impact on the debate." - Calgary Herald

Ezra Levant is a lawyer, journalist, and political activist, and a talk host for SUN TV. He is the author of *The Enemy Within: Terror, Lies, and the Whitewashing of Omar Khadr*, *Shakedown: How Our Government Is Undermining Democracy in the Name of Human Rights*, which won the Writers' Trust and Samara's Best Canadian Political Book of the Last 25 Years, and *Ethical Oil*, winner of the National Business Book Award. He lives in Toronto. The author lives in Toronto.

This book is more of a screed than an informative book. I am from Texas, conservative, I have a college degree with a minor in Petroleum Engineering, and I support Fracking all the way. However this book veers into the bar ditch to attack Arabs, the Left, and everyone else (except Israel - who has nothing to do with fracking but is mentioned in the book nonetheless) even when it has nothing to do with fracking. I really wanted a scholarly book that intelligently discusses the topics surrounding fracking, and so far I am still looking...

A well-argued thesis that clears up a lot of misinformation about fracking and its benefits to the economy and the environment. While environmentalists make claims, the author here provides proof. Of particular note is the scene by scene debunking of the HBO movie, "Gasland" that created the hysteria that made the technique controversial. If you ever want to win an argument with someone over fracking, no stone is unturned here. The writing style is very entertaining while articulating the issues in dispute over fracking. Law makers and policy advisors nationwide need to read this before reacting knee-jerk fashion to the environmental movement which the book establishes is funded by middle-eastern oil interests who do not want the United States to be energy independent. The issues in the book likewise clarify much of the motivation behind Russian invasions. Russia provides most of Europe's natural gas and fracking promises to make much of Europe energy independent too. The book is loaded with viewpoints on issues you never thought deeply about, but should be exposed to even if you disagree. A real eye-opener on many issues.

Lavant hits the nail on the head. There is way more to the anti fracking movement than a concern for the environment. That's just the wool being pulled over the eyes of the well meaning but uninformed. Using a seemingly noble cause covers up the real agenda - maintaining a balance of political power. Living in a region with shale, I have witnessed this repeatedly. Lavant explains how this same scenario plays out in a dozen different countries. This book is a must for anyone who is

not sure what the truth is when it comes to fracking. You won't hear this side of the story from the mainstream media, so read the book!

Ezra Levant does a great job addressing each of the much publicized problems with fracking and demolishes the fabricated issues with ample references to prove his points, even exposing multiple deceptions in the movie "Gaslight". Particularly fascinating is his explanation of the tremendous geopolitical impact of the process which we can see playing out in recent European current events, especially as regards Russia and Iran. I highly recommend it as an educational, informative read.

Just finished it and I am reading it again! Great! Those who want to know the TRUTH about fracking should read it. It means more JOBS and more fuel for America. Fracking is not new, it has been used since the 1940s. And our water is safe despite what some may report.

Ezra Levant has written two well researched books on energy. Groundswell and Ethical Oil. His arguments are very persuasive that the current movement to develop both the Alberta Oil Sands and Shale Gas world wide will improve the lot of Mankind and be instrumental in freeing the world from Energy Despots. The book is an eye opener.

A good read.

An excellent and rational review of the case for allowing fracking and one that dispels the misinformation peddled by various activists Adds to the understanding of the issues

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