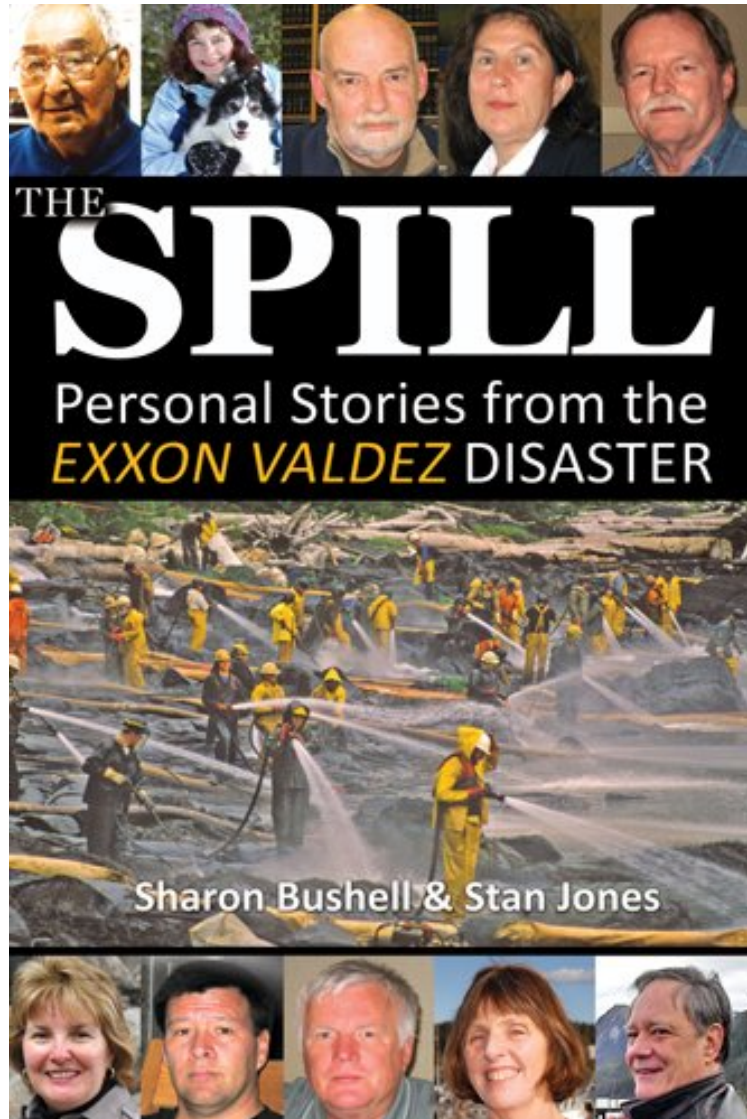


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Stan Jones, Sharon Bushell : The Spill: Personal Stories from the Exxon Valdez Disaster before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Spill: Personal Stories from the Exxon Valdez Disaster:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Why is "real" environmentalism underread? By Cabin Dweller At first glance, the structure of the book can be off-putting. It is a rapid pace of interviews concerning the three phases of the Valdez disaster of March, 1989: the spill, the response, the impact. The impact is the only of the three to draw out into what might be unnecessary repetition. The Spill centers around Joseph Hazelwood, Captain, who was drunk and

who said, You're looking at it, when originally asked about the problem. The book is an exercise in withholding judgment against a father who unintentionally but perhaps very negligently let over 10 million gallons of oil spill into Prince William Sound. The towns like Seward were recognizable, and others sound like ones dropped into one Northern Exposure or another, but these are all fish-based small towns with a Native population base and a great respect for the natural purity of Alaska. Until The Impact section, Exxon gets equal treatment corporate greed and a free pass. Overall, I have to lean toward bureaucrats who could buy support and put on a good show for the CNN cameras. Greed or free pass, the oil seeped and was never cleaned, the number one frustration being repeated being tides bringing in new oil upon the shore after they had been wiped with rags, an embarrassing remedy, and washed with hot air, which was found to be more harmful for its scorching effect. The people's stories are sad. What really gets me are the animals even if they were inevitably part of a food chain. Sea otters seemed the most common visible victims. Bald eagles were predators who did not know the poison they preyed upon; rescuing animals was throwing good rescue after bad, a perfect recipe for tree huggers to get full doses of hard reality. 80% of the oil was lightered off the Valdez. 11,000 people were estimated to be cleaning up on the scene, many trying to skirt the disapproval of Exxon Texans who were either PR preoccupied or alien to Alaskan reality and knowhow. The scientific element of the cleanup involved dispersant, which was controversial for its effectiveness, particularly if it came too late after effecting booning, or containment. The reason I marked page 111: They had us form a special detachment for the good-looking girls We assigned them the easiest jobs so they'd be able to party in the evenings. Other grass roots members on the scene begin to state after this that Exxon had almost no real connection to the immediate and after effects of the spill. It became clear that the local economy was not as important to small business Alaskans as the initial shock of the oil on the water and the wildlife. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Real story of the Alaska oil spill from many perspectives. By Customer Short interviews with various people in the midst of the Exxon Valdez oil spill, from the ship captain to the head of Exxon to villagers to fishers, etc. Essential reading highly readable. Recommend! Essential going forward, as they talk about drilling under the ice. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. History repeats itself By MMSI recommend this book to anyone living on the Gulf of Mexico. The stories in it make you realize this is not the first oil spill. It allows you to look at what is happening in your community as a textbook case of what happens in a technological disaster. From the lack of action and equipment to staged cleanup photo-ops to the Exxon workers who worked their tails off to get the 80 percent oil still on the ship to safety...a good read and a good way to make a little bit of sense out of the present-day Deepwater Horizon disaster.

A Warning for Future Generations: Twenty years after the Exxon Valdez ran aground on Bligh Reef, sixty-two men and women share personal stories of what they saw, how they reacted, and how they coped with North America's worst tanker oil spill. Their anger and anguish had receded from view like oil seeping into rocky crevices on the beaches of Prince William Sound, but the terrible memories were never far from the surface. The stories tell of a shockingly slow response, the struggle to save the stricken tanker, the often heroic but largely futile efforts to limit the spread of oil and clean the beaches, a heart-breaking loss of fish and wildlife, a crippling blow to the commercial fishing industry, lingering social problems, and a loss of innocence among Alaskans who believed this spill would never happen. Reliving their experiences are fishermen, Native villagers, biologists, environmentalists, sociologists, Exxon executives, the governor, mayors, journalists, workers who washed oily rocks even the skipper of the ill-fated ship. For many of them, as one sociologist put it, the only way the Exxon Valdez disaster will end is when they die. For the rest of us, the spill is a cautionary tale about the high cost of complacency and neglect, and fair warning of the perils of putting off disaster planning for another day. One day, tomorrow will be too late.

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