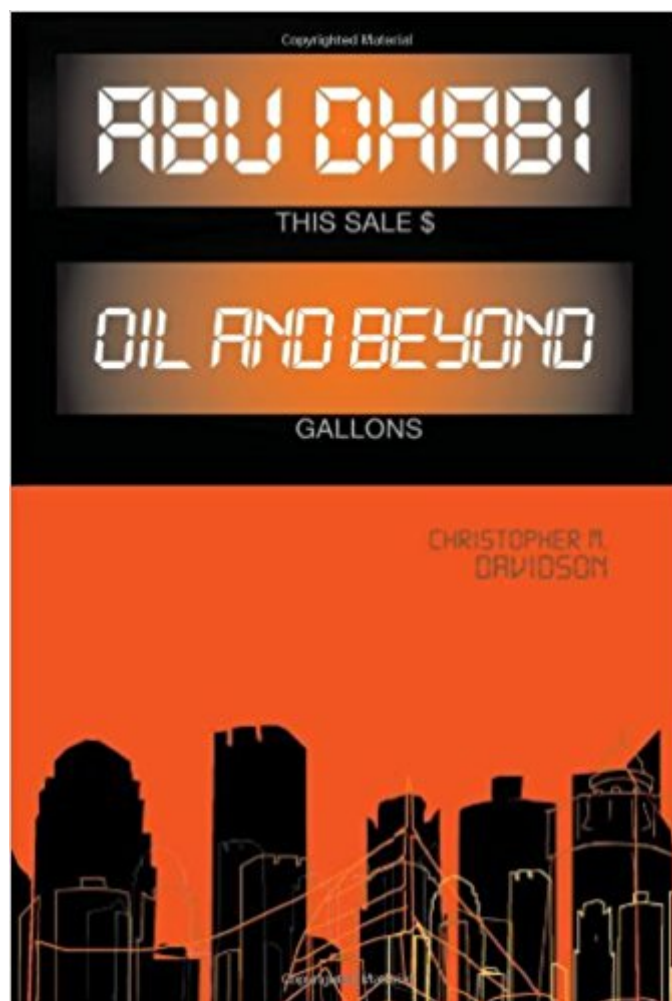


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Abu Dhabi: Oil And Beyond



Synopsis

A rising economic power, Abu Dhabi, the capital city of the United Arab Emirates, is poised to become a major player in the fortunes of both Third and First World countries. Abu Dhabi owns more than 8 percent of the world's oil reserves, has close to one trillion dollars to invest in sovereign wealth funds, and is about to implement a masterful set of economic initiatives that will yield even greater returns. Abu Dhabi has begun to eclipse its partner city, Dubai, in terms of sheer wealth and cultural and infrastructural development, opening the world's first Ferrari theme park and erecting satellite branches of the Guggenheim and the Louvre. Author of the best-selling *Dubai: The Vulnerability of Success* and an expert on Gulf politics, Christopher M. Davidson tracks Abu Dhabi's remarkable growth from a modest, eighteenth-century sheikhdom to its present opulent state. He recounts the dramatic efforts made by the emirate's dynastic family to retain their power, detailing the system of "tribal capitalism" they created in order to reconcile old political allegiances with modern engines of growth. Davidson concludes with potential challenges to Abu Dhabi's political and economic success, including a weakening of civil society, invasive media censorship, an ongoing labor crisis, increasing federal unrest, and persistent underperformance in the education sector.

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As a CEO for 30 years in the GCC--transferring technology in food, medicine, and high tech--I found Davidson's book the best source of profound analysis on the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. He offers a highly detailed tribal analysis of "who's who" which is a labyrinthine task in and of itself, but goes to the heart of the matter of why one player is more important than others based on tribal relations. I have a library of books, and this rates as my top recommendation.

This is an excellent book, and is full of well-integrated information about the background to the ruling, and other, families, their role in the current super-development effort, and a general picture of the UAE. It is balanced and factual. Not often do westerners try to understand the culture of the Middle East. I appreciated that the writer understands that Western democracy is only one form of broad governance, and by no means the only one.

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