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Oil Spill: Disaster





Synopsis

Sometimes, a split second can change everything.On April 20, 2010, disaster struck in the Gulf of Mexico. The offshore oil rig Deepwater Horizon exploded, causing one of the worst environmental catastrophes in American history. Every day for months on end, more than a million gallons of oil leaked into the water. As the oil company BP frantically tried to stop the spill, scientists and emergency response crews searched for ways to repair the damage. Experts predict that the Gulf of Mexico's environment, wildlife, and industries will take decades to recover.But what exactly is oil? Where does it come from and why do we need so much of it? What caused this disaster to happen and how can we stop it from happening again? Learn the answers to these questions and more as you find out about the oil spill, relief efforts, and the future of energy use in the United States.

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Customer Reviews

Chana Stiefel is a freelance writer and author of many nonfiction books for children. Her writing offers a fresh, new perspective on topics including wildlife, weather, volcanoes, earthquakes, skyscrapers, forensics, and many other science and history-related subjects.

I purchased this as well as The Gulf Oil Spill as references for my students to use on their 7th grade research papers of cause and effect of a disaster or tragedy. The two together were great reference

books and very nice compliments to each other. They gave students a firm understanding of what happened. This helped them as they went into the internet part of their research.

I used this book for various lessons in a middle school setting and the kids were riveted. The photos and illstrations are great and the details in the writing are good as well.

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