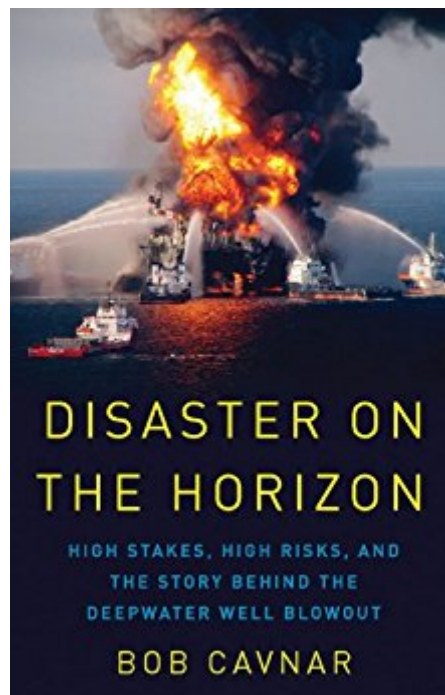




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Synopsis

Disaster on the Horizon is a behind-the-scenes investigative look at the worst oil well accident in US history, which led to the current environmental and economic catastrophe on the Gulf Coast. Cavnar uses his 30 years in the business to take readers inside the disaster, exposing the decisions leading up to the blowout and the immediate aftermath. It includes personal accounts of the survivors, assembled from testimony during various investigations, as well as personal interviews with survivors, witnesses, and family. It also provides a layman's look at the industry, its technology, people, and risks. It deconstructs events and decisions made by BP, Transocean, and the US Government before and after the disaster, and the effects of those decisions, both good and bad. Cavnar explains what happened in the Gulf, explores how we arrived at deep water drilling in the first place and then charts a course for how to avoid these disasters in the future.

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Disaster on the Horizon, written by industry-expert Bob Cavnar, is an excellent read. Published in

2010, it was one of the first books on the topic. He does an eye-opening and credible job in laying out the technical, political, and cultural agonies that clashed as oil billowed from the seafloor, and as people and equipment gathered at the site for the kill that seemed to take forever. Mr. Cavnar minces no words. If you do wrong, he's in your face and on the page, and it doesn't matter if you're the company man, a contractor, BP, or the entire industry. I like that, and it makes for a good book. Disaster on the Horizon, on my permanent bookshelf, was a source of good information for my own research on the topic.

This review is about the paper bound edition only. Mr. Cavnar brings his knowledge and attitude to describing the events leading up to the fire and blowout on the Deepwater Horizon and to its aftermath. This is good one-stop book. Mr. Cavnar knows his material and wants you to understand it as well. Therein is the book's major failing, there are nothing like enough illustrations. This particularly vexing when Mr. Cavanar is describing the technologies and techniques of oil exploration and extraction. This is a complex and fascinating subject and the layman would be better served with more illustrations to follow along with the clear explanations.

I work on a 6th generation drillship and I think this was a great read for everyone in the industry, and everyone else who wants to truly understand what happened on that day. The author simply (but still in detail) explains everything and there is great glossary in the back of the ebook. I wish this book was out before I got into the industry as it would have explained many things I had to learn the hard way. Lastly I would like to say that the author was more than fair on how he describes BP's business practices. Not all companies are as bad as them though.

Fantastic account of what happen on the Deepwater Horizon and the many variables that went into the blowout and collapse told in a way that's understanding to the general public. Highly recommended.

Being a retired petroleum geologist I appreciated the technical details.

A good read if you want the real story behind the movie. However the author could have done a better job defining the terminology of the industry. Illustrations would have been especially helpful.

Very Graphic and detailed...I would read for awhile and have to take a brain rest...very-very-

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