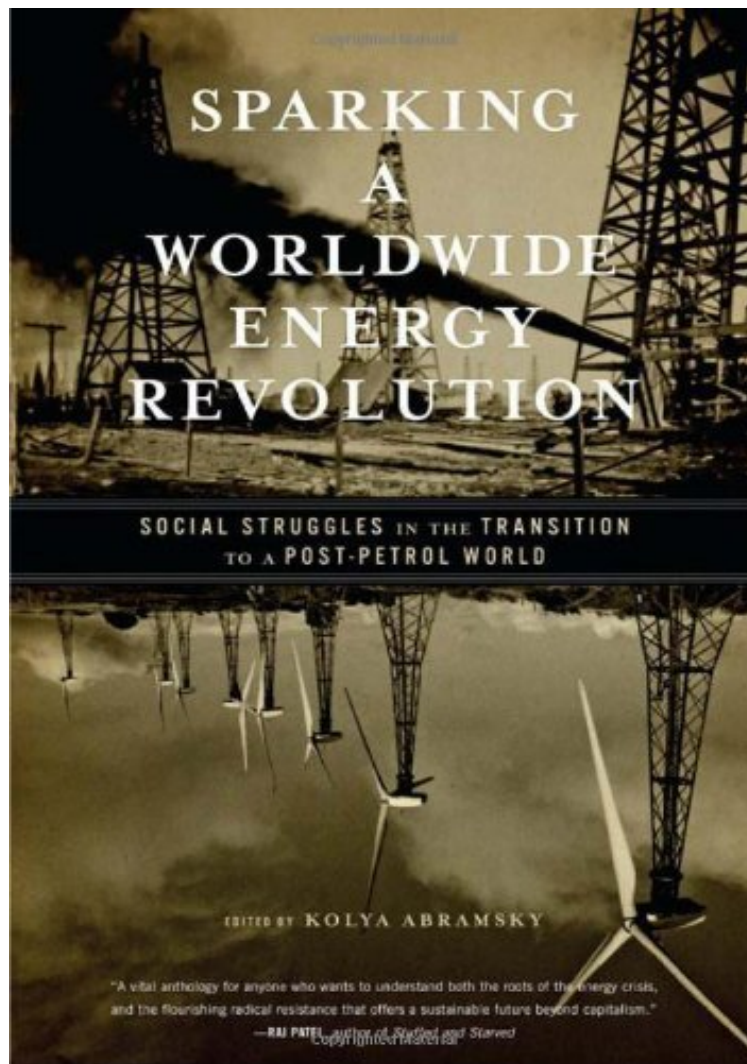


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Fossil fuels, clean/renewable energy, and class struggle
By Autonomieus
Kolya Abramsky has pulled together an astonishing collection of reports on the global class struggle in the energy sector. This is a 668-page book, 59 chapters in all, including a 26-page introduction and a 29-page conclusion by Abramsky. As Abramsky puts it: "The challenge is to develop methods of collectively organizing that

enable us to come through the current crisis in a way that puts an end to the system of organizing social life and production that is at the basis of both ecological disaster and social injustice" (p. 18). Here are the contents by section: Introduction: Racing to "Save" the Economy and the Planet: Capitalist or Post-capitalist Transition to a Post-petrol World? I. Scene Setter: The Economy's A-Tanking and There's An Energy Crisis In the Air... Chapter 1) Promissory Notes: From Crisis to Commons (by Midnight Notes and Friends) Chapter 2) A Discourse on Prophetic Method: Oil Crises and Political Economy (by George Caffentzis) Chapter 3) Building the Clean Energy Movement: Future Possibilities in Historical Perspective (by Bruce Pobodnik) II. Section 1: Up Against the Limits: Energy, Work, Nature, and Social Struggles (Chapters 4-19) III. Section 2: From Petrol to Renewable Energies: Socially Progressive Efforts at Transition Within the Context of Existing Global Political and Economic Relations (Chapters 20-24) IV. Section 3: Struggles Over the Choice of Future Energy Sources and Technologies (Chapters 25-42) V. Section 4: Possible Futures: The Emerging Struggle For Control of the Globally Expanding Renewable Energy Sector and the Roads Ahead (Chapters 43-58) Conclusion: Sparking An Energy Revolution: Building New Relations of Production, Exchange and Livelihood

Beginning with the opening section, Abramsky, the Midnight Notes Collective (an autonomous marxist group that formed in the late Seventies at the time of that decade's energy crisis), George Caffentzis (a member of the collective), and Bruce Pobodnik put the system crisis of both fossil fuel depletion and climate change (resulting from burning fossil fuels) in the context of class struggle. Across the 59 chapters are accounts and analyses of struggles over energy from around the world. Given that there is no global working class-for-itself, there is no clear and obvious, let alone automatic, common position on the complex of issues. *SPARKING A WORLDWIDE ENERGY REVOLUTION* is an important contribution to forging such a common position, necessary to claim the commons for the workers, wresting it from the control of voracious Capital. Since the book's publication in 2010 there has been an encouraging growth of militant action against coal, tar sands, and the Fossil Fuel Industry on the part of the Rising Tide Action Network and others. But much more needs to be done, urgently, and this is a valuable source of perspective as struggle grows and becomes more effective.

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good for GCU 171 By Grace Really boring, but it has wonderful examples of energy use. It was helpful for my class at ASU called the Thread of Energy. I would say buy it if you are taking the class

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. This book should be mandatory reading for activists in the climate justice movement!!! By wildflowerboy Given the multiple crises of peak oil, global warming, imperialist war, catastrophic oil spills, and financial meltdown, this is perhaps one of the most important books you could read right now. As evidenced by the above problems, we clearly need to immediately reduce our CO2 emissions and transform our energy system into one that is clean, renewable, and decentralized. Though the problems are enormous and scary, I actually found this book rather inspiring, as it shows us the numerous things communities around the world are doing to make the transition. I was especially inspired by the chapter on Cuba which is leading the way in renewable energy and appropriate technology. At over 600 pages, this is also one of the most informative and thorough books I have ever read on the topic of sustainable energy. Importantly, the writers in this anthology emphasize that "green capitalism" is an oxymoron and that we need a radical change in social, political, and economic relations in order to save the planet. Really, this is an excellent book and I learned so much from it. I hope that many more people read it and that it inspires them to join the movement for climate justice. Perhaps then we will see more solar panels and wind farms across the country and less people driving SUVs. Wouldn't that be wonderful?

As the earth's carrying capacity continues to be stressed, the question of renewable energies is no longer whether, but when and by whom. Climate change and peak oil have hit the mainstream. Kolya Abramsky's collection maps the world's energy sector and shows how addressing these challenges necessitates an analysis of our economic priorities. Solutions must include massive shifts in our use of technologies and, most importantly, a democratization of the economic landscape based on broad new coalitions. With four distinct sections—Oil Makes the World Go 'Round; From Petrol to Renewable Energies; Struggle Over Choice of Energy Sources and Technologies; and Possible Futures—and over fifty essays from approximately twenty countries, there's nothing like *Sparking a Worldwide Energy Revolution* to address our global energy crisis. The different chapters bring together a wealth of organizational and analytical experience from across the different branches of the energy sector, both conventional and renewable. Contributors include the following organizations and individuals: China Labour Bulletin (Hong Kong/China), Energy Watch Group (Germany), Focus on the Global South (Thailand), Integrated Sustainable Energy and Ecological Development (India), Public Services International Research Unit (United Kingdom), World Information Service on Energy (Netherlands), Preben Maegaard, and Hermann Scheer. Kolya Abramsky is a former secretariat of the World Wind Energy Institute, based in Denmark, a pioneering country in renewable energy. He is currently a research fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies on Science, Technology and Society in Austria, and is pursuing a PhD in sociology at State University of New York, Binghamton.