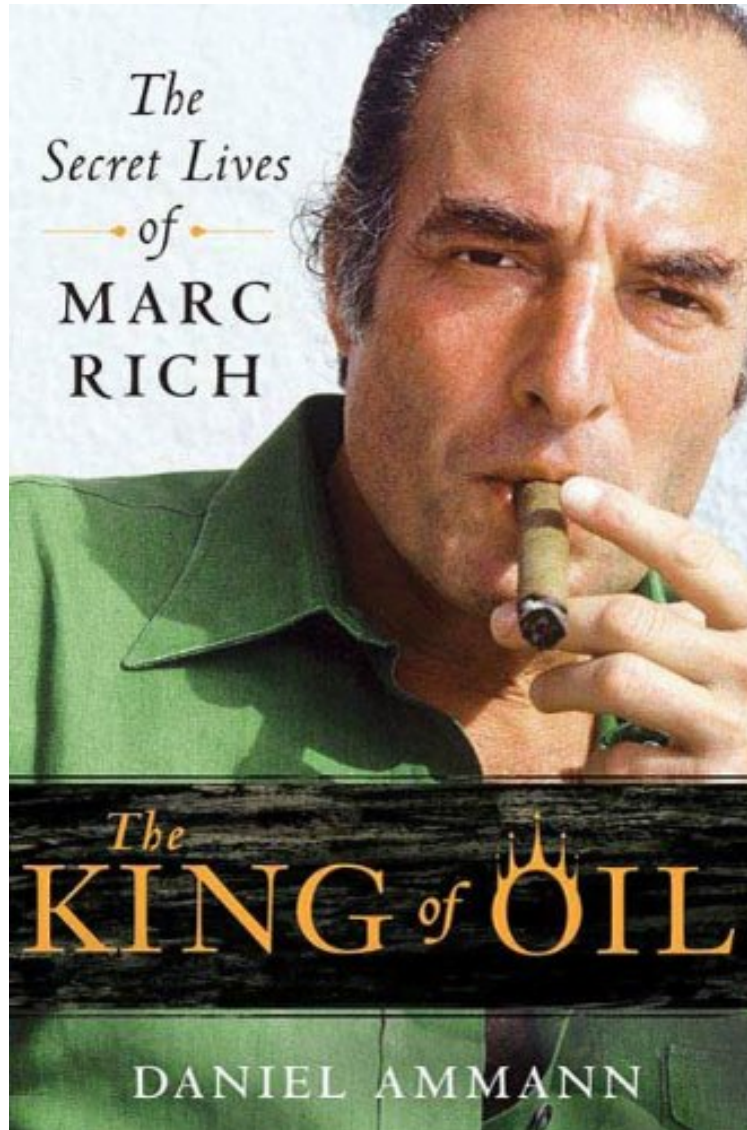


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Daniel Ammann : The King of Oil: The Secret Lives of Marc Rich before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The King of Oil: The Secret Lives of Marc Rich:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A must read for any aspiring international businessmanBy DeepakFor anyone seeking to understand the kind of dangers and trappings involved when in pursuit of the high life, this book is just about the material to read.Marc Rich was the granddaddy to all of the neo-rich children of globalization. Way before products and services could be distributed over the internet viz a viz Google, Facebook, etcetera - the old school tycoons actually had to travel to far flung nations and deal with questionable personalities. This was Globalization before the dot com era and how fortunes were built.Marc Rich was probably one of the

precedents to globalization in 21st Century. What he managed to do was remarkable though many may consider it questionable. Rich never invented anything, never patented anything, he was a hardcore businessman and a profiteer who saw the money in ideas, a true textbook Jewish capitalist that went above and beyond for the pursuit of profit. As one U.S. Marshall put it, "if Marc calls you today it's can I make money with you today and if not today can I make money with you in the future". What this book really embellishes upon is the various intricacies involved in building an empire from getting approvals from gatekeepers and financing and all the legal headaches involved. An absolute must-read for anyone who doesn't want to be stepping on the wrong toes or getting embroiled in a life-altering manner. Lastly, as far as the man himself is concerned, in my view Marc never murdered anyone, raped anyone, or stole from anyone. The fortune he amassed was a result of his genius and life's work. Demonizing someone who tried to pay less tax and sold goods to questionable parties is not even close to what some of the rogues in America have done. Even your frat boy in modern America's Ivy League college will have a history of questionable behavior. Marc Rich at the most was a frat boy in the world of trade. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Reality CheckBy Michael Foudy This is a fascinating book about a fascinating man. If you want to understand the way the world really works from the standpoint of business, commodities trading, politics and law enforcement this is the book for you. If you think that there is such a thing as equal justice under the law, ethical business practices or ethical politics, this is the book for you. This book will open your eyes by examining the life of one of the world's most notorious fugitives who was prosecuted by Rudy Giuliani as a means of furthering his political career and pardoned by Bill Clinton as a means of satisfying large donors and the nation of Israel. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. it does give some very good insights into the man's life and careerBy Sean Brown Rich reported that his greatest failure was in not going all-in on some of his positions on aluminum and oil. Still, he acquired a net-worth in excess of 2.5 billion dollars. As far as the tax-evasion and embargo-violation charges were concerned and Clinton's pardon (of which the book goes into much too deeply), I think Rich should not have been pursued by the American government. Rich was successful and the Americans saw a way to take some of his money and make a name for some of his bounty-hunters. I think the book successfully vindicates Marc Rich. He is someone I would have liked to meet.

Billionaire oil trader Marc Rich for the first time talks at length about his private life (including his expensive divorce from wife Denise); his invention of the spot oil market which made his fortune and changed the world economy; his lucrative and unpublicized dealings with Ayatollah Khomeini's Iran, Fidel Castro's Cuba, war-ravaged Angola, and apartheid South Africa; his quiet cooperation with the Israeli and U.S. governments (even after he was indicted for tax fraud by Rudy Guiliani) and near-comical attempts by U.S. officials to kidnap him illegally. This sure-to-make-headlines book is the first no-holds-barred biography of Rich, who was famously pardoned by Bill Clinton, and resurfaced in the news during the confirmation hearings of Attorney General Eric Holder. The King of Oil sheds stunning new light on one of the most controversial international businessmen of all time, charting Rich's rise from the Holocaust, which he fled as a young boy, to become the wealthiest and most powerful oil and commodities trader of the century. From his earliest trading days to the present, Marc Rich's story is astonishing and compelling.

From Publishers Weekly An empathetic look at the notorious Marc Rich, one of the most successful and controversial commodities traders in recent history and a key figure in the invention of the spot market. With unparalleled access to Rich, his family and associates, business journalist Ammann paints a nuanced portrait of the man vilified for trading with Iran and apartheid-era South Africa, accused of being the biggest tax fraudster in U.S. history and recipient of an infamous presidential pardon. At the pinnacle of his power, Rich presided over a multinational empire, and his opinion on key people in power in various rogue nations was routinely, if clandestinely, sought by the State Department despite his criminal status. Rich has scrupulously guarded his personal history, but Ammann reveals the struggle it wasmdash;from his family's escape from the Holocaust through their internment in a North African refugee camp to their bitter years as immigrants in the U.S. in the aftermath of WWII. This meticulous account sets the record straight on a reluctant public figure who lost in the court of public opinion, but escaped being tried in a court of law. Photos. (Oct.) Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. ldquo;It'squo;s a psychological thriller, each page percolating with the triumphant darkness that is Marc David Rich.rdqquo;-- Bloombergnbs; News"An empathetic look at the notorious Marc Rich, one of the most successful and controversial commodities traders in recent history and a key figure in the invention of the spot market. With unparalleled access to Rich, his family and associates, business journalist Ammann paints a nuanced portrait of the man vilified for trading with Iran and apartheid-era South Africa, accused of being the biggest tax fraudster in U.S. history and recipient of an infamous presidential pardon. This meticulous account sets the record straight on a reluctant public figure who lost in the court of public opinion, but escaped being tried in a court of law." ndash;Publishers Weekly"Is Rich a rogue or a philanthropic businessman? Ammann lets readers draw their own conclusion. This book reads like a cross between a rags-to-riches saga and a cloak-and-dagger thriller, but it's also an excellent and timely primer on the world of commodities trading within a global economy and will greatly appeal to readers interested in current events."

