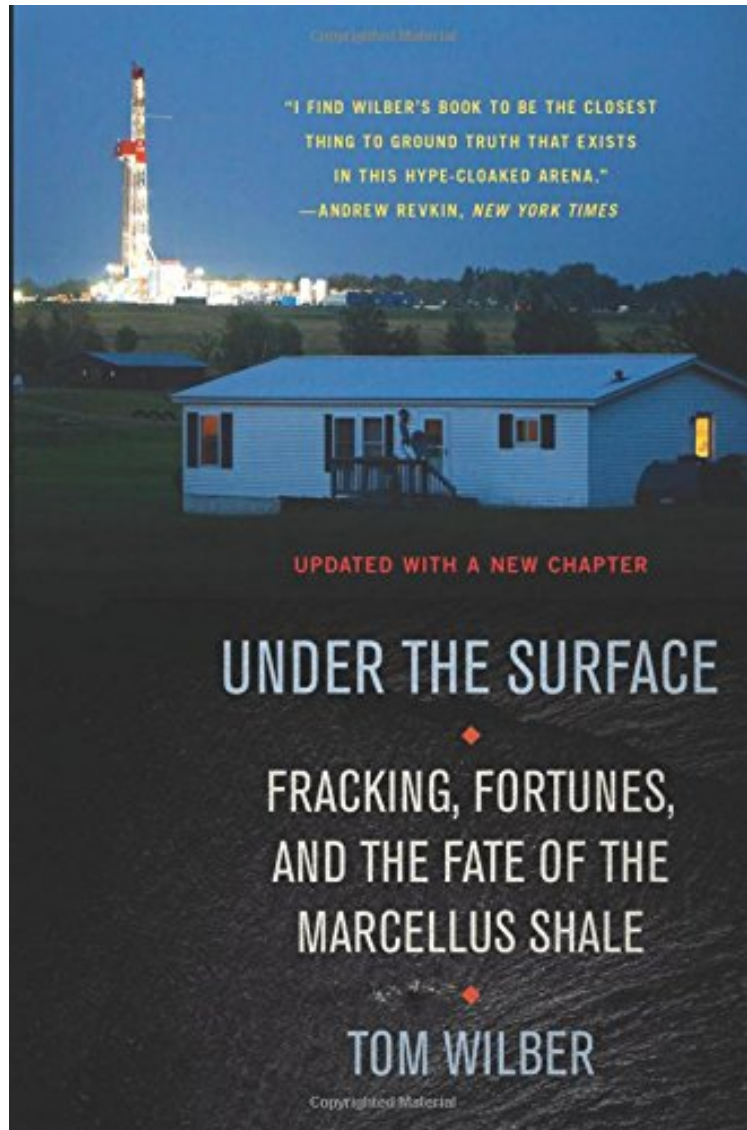


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. GUSHING WITH PRAISEBy Landon ShultzWell, maybe not

gushing, but this was a very good book. It explains the good, the bad, and the ugly of the new "fracking" technology which makes possible the extraction of natural gas from previously unusable shale. The author has done thorough research, talking with people in the industry, in politics, and on farms who were directly affected by this new approach to "developing" our natural resources. There is a lot of information, but the author has a good narrative style, and the story pulls you along. He makes a good effort to remain objective, but it becomes clear that his sympathies lie with the landowners who have been abused by unethical oil companies. The author does make the point that many oil companies have been ethical and careful. Reading this book will give you helpful understanding of fracking generally and of the Marcellus Shale issues in particular. Since fracking is already having an enormous economic impact in America, it is worth learning about.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. MUST-READ if you're interested in fracking

By Nellie Voratnatz I'm a journalist, and I write about fracking. Wilber has been out there reporting on it far longer than I have. This is a very well-crafted book, focusing on a small group of people in upstate Pennsylvania. He is very even-handed, according a sympathetic ear not only to the victims of fracking but also to the industry representatives he interviews. At the end you see that the victims really ARE victims, not "just whiners." If you're looking for a Naomi Klein or a Christopher Hedges - or maybe even an Ellen Cantarow (that's me), Wilber isn't what you want. But if you're interested in this horrendously destructive industry, this book is a must-read.

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By Barbara J. Weedawagner My thanks to Author Mr. Wilber. I bought two books because I wanted our local library to have one. Everyone needs to read and understand the consequences of this issue. Mr. Wilber studied this for a long time and came up with all the information we need to form an opinion. I found it amazing that Barnes and Noble does not have this book on their shelves. Perhaps someone should contact them. Thank You

In *Under the Surface*, Tom Wilber weaves a narrative tracing the consequences of shale gas development in northeast Pennsylvania and central New York through the perspective of various stakeholders. Wilber's evenhanded treatment explains how the revolutionary process of fracking has changed both access to our domestic energy reserves and the lives of people living over them. For the paperback edition, Wilber has written a new chapter and epilogue covering developments since the book's initial publication in 2012. Chief among these are the home rule movement and accompanying social and legal events leading up to an unprecedented ban of fracking in New York state, and the outcome of the federal EPA's investigation of water pollution just across the state border in Dimock, Pennsylvania. The industry, with powerful political allies, effectively challenged the federal government's attempts to intervene in drilling communities in Pennsylvania, Wyoming, and Texas with water problems. But it met its match in a grassroots movement known as "fractivism" that sprouted from seeds sown in upstate New York community halls and grew into one of the state's most influential environmental movements since Love Canal. Wilber gives a voice to all constituencies, including farmers and landowners tempted by the prospects of wealth but wary of the consequences; policymakers struggling with divisive issues concerning free enterprise, ecology, and public health; and activists coordinating campaigns based on their respective visions of economic salvation and environmental ruin. Throughout the book, Wilber illustrates otherwise dense policy and legal issues in human terms and shows how ordinary people can affect extraordinary events.

"Wilber has gained national acclaim for his reporting on the highly controversial topic of hydraulic fracturing." *Huffington Post*

About the Author Tom Wilber, a journalist, author, and teacher, has spent years interviewing key players and local residents on all sides of the controversial issue of developing the country's energy supplies through the controversial process of high-volume hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking." He is a reporter covering business, health and environmental issues for Gannett's Central New York Newspaper Group (including the *Press Sun-Bulletin*). His reporting on fracking won Best of Gannett honors in 2010. *Under the Surface* was selected as a finalist for the New York Public Library's Helen Bernstein Award for Excellence in Journalism in 2013.