

Making a Real Killing

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p>Just as huge nuclear explosions derive from small spheres of plutonium, the story of the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant close to Denver, Colorado is a lot much larger than itself. It really is about the Church family, who came West looking for gold in 1861, stayed to improve cattle, watched the government take a large piece of its property for the weapons plant in 1951--and now could be busily developing real estate in the booming suburbs next to the contaminated plant site. It is about the federal government and private companies that produced the deadliest devices in history for thirty-seven years, concealed problems behind the wall of national security secrecy, and came near a Chernobyl-scale disaster during a 1969 fire."--Patricia Nelson Limerick Len Ackland's integrity and hard work remind us how crucial energetic journalism is for a successful democracy. To go through it is to understand some sobering lessons, like the truth that the democratic procedure lagged decades behind technological developments. Making a genuine Killing examines the way Americans participated in creating a nuclear weapons arsenal with the capacity of destroying the individual species."As People in america reckon with the legacy of the Cool War, Making a genuine Killing deserves a place at the center of our attention. And it is in regards to a community that profited from a large number of jobs and contracts but now faces long-term environmental and health threats. It really is about plant managers who cut corners to keep weapons production, workers who saw themselves as faithful Cold War soldiers, and citizen activists who challenged the plant's very existence.



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Very Interesting, actually in the nuclear background genre I grew up close to Rocky Flats and also have generally found these stories of the nuclear hands industry really interesting, but this one is a good 1. Written from the perspective of an investigative journalist it digs into all of the nooks, crannies and crevices to tell an absolutely amazing story of individual hubris and arrogance and also "cold battle" stupidity. Understanding about nuclear "stuff", this other publication scared the crap out of me! If you are reading this for fun then your tone of voice will be interesting to you, and in case you are composing a paper or so on, there are many facts in the ~200 web pages that you could cite.. I remembered my 4th grade teacher saying in 1974 that "the Soviets have a missile pointed at your yard. Four Stars Interesting book, if you would like to know information regarding Rocky Flat and plutonium. Desire to be scared on the subject of nuclear stuff, dont buy this book. March 11, 2011, found many of us wondering what to do. Those of us surviving in Japan were confronted with the query of leaving our homes and house animals and families to escape what had occurred or would potentially happen. Many did keep plus they have their personal stories. Many stayed and have their own tales to tell. "This is once ranch land" This book is crucial read." Along with KGB novels, this is how he disciplined our class. I remembered the rumors about "two headed goats" or "glowing fish". Thoughtful Excellent book. Well done." Our streets were named following the ranchers who marketed their ranch land to make the red-bricked suburban homes built in the 1960's. I begun to read and discovered Len Ackland's well-researched book explaining this history if you ask me and from reading it, everything became so obvious and I realized that from the close proximity of my house to Rocky Flats, the water I was raised drinking that flowed under Rocky Flats into the reservoir that brought the water into our kitchen, the leaking drums of nuclear waste from the prairie, winds, fires, that I was much further from Fukushima than I was from Rocky Flats and the Rocky Mountain Arsenal between both of which my house sat. Both are now claiming to become "wildlife refuges.." I decided to stay in Japan. Ironically, I am in Japan because my Japanese husband do a homestay with my friend whose father worked well at Rocky Flats. It touched our lives in lots of ways we were not aware of perhaps. This is a very good way to learn about the history of the Denver area as well. My grandfather worked there, this book confirmed most of the craziness he observed... I quit after less than a 12 months on site because I feared for my health.. The REAL STORY BEHIND the Moments ! Who will pay the ultimate price , . Ackland shows the facts of the deliberate lies and cover ups that are structured from the AEC thru the primary contractors and down to the administration level then push onto the employees who's very lives have been sacrificed in the game of Cold War politics ! The promise of good paying careers and steady work betrays the developing communities that sprout in the down-wind route of radioactive fallout and drainage runoff that now and forever will continuously poison each era of families who live in it's wake. Proof that the govt. and Pentagon will do anything to maintain it's veil of secrecy via it's propaganda machine, muting the FBI and bypassing grand jury indictments as the DOE , Rockwell and DOW leave from their criminal actions ! This is an excellent and comprehensive study of the ever growing, problematic nuclear weapons plants that are now a plague spread across our country and globally !.. Stuff about the fires, and so on were nearly unbelievable.. There was one on the cover, of a woman leaning on a barbed wire fence with an indicator saying something like "keep out, US Authorities" or something. The employees with their hands in the glove boxes ! I quit for fear for my health, and now I understand I did so the right point. This was method before "The Simpson's" and Three Mile Island or Chernobyl. Thoughtful, well researched, balanced. Every single American should read this publication. The early history goes in depth and the political connections at that time are described which led to

selecting Colorado for the website selection, and the downfall and abysmal management are also "fun" to read about. I remembered my parents saying our suburban home north of Denver "used to be ranch property. I worked there too. I look forward to scanning this publication... The plant was a mess. Everyone should read about what the frosty war did to our country.*I have browse the book today* and I can express honestly that what I knew then had not been half what I understand now. Yes, . Even if you aren't a technical person it should be easy to understand..this Nuclear plant was a tragedy. Exceptional book.. I was a Nuclear Engineer at Rocky Flats in the 80's.. Ackland's evaluation of the Rocky Flats saga is usually possibly the best & most accurate of the many "histories" of the site... "Making a genuine Killing" was a remarkable browse from cover to cover, and actually answered a whole lot of queries I've experienced about the Flats that my grandfather couldn't talk about when he was still alive. Also to think that suburban Denver is a short distance from this site.." Will there 1 day be considered a "Fukushima Wildlife Refuge?scarey. Nuclear matters Well-written, well-researched with copious notes. Raising of the "national security" flag to avoid disclosure of info that the public has a need to know. With all the current concern over ageing nuclear power plants and how/where to dispose of expended materials, this publication is a valuable resource. That publication went in to the real details of the place, where in fact the nuclear stuff was, who did what and on and on. Lots of important info on how our nuclear weapons sector has been mismanaged.. Five Stars The single, most significant, "must read" on all things about the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant. I'd have performed well to read it when it came out. It is a "colorful" history and the research is impressive. This story has something for each and every reader.. I grew up near (but fortunately not too close) to Rocky Flats, and my grandfather worked there for many years and finally retired while Rockwell was still jogging the plant. While he couldn't talk about most of the stuff he done, the things he was able to tell me about had been pretty crazy and disturbing..The price that the weapons race cost our country. For those who that resided in the Denver/Front Range area at the time, or is just fascinated by these creepy nuclear facilities, you will not become disappointed by this perfectly written and researched book. It had taken an earthquake, a tsunami, and a nuclear disaster to wake me up from a slumber and a recollection of the area I grew up. There are better editions of this informational book out there. ? Very informative. I always believe that these stories act like the area race, where it really is a story of science that's disconnected from reality.! Making a genuine killing is poor and doesnt inform all of the truths and is quite mild, considering.



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