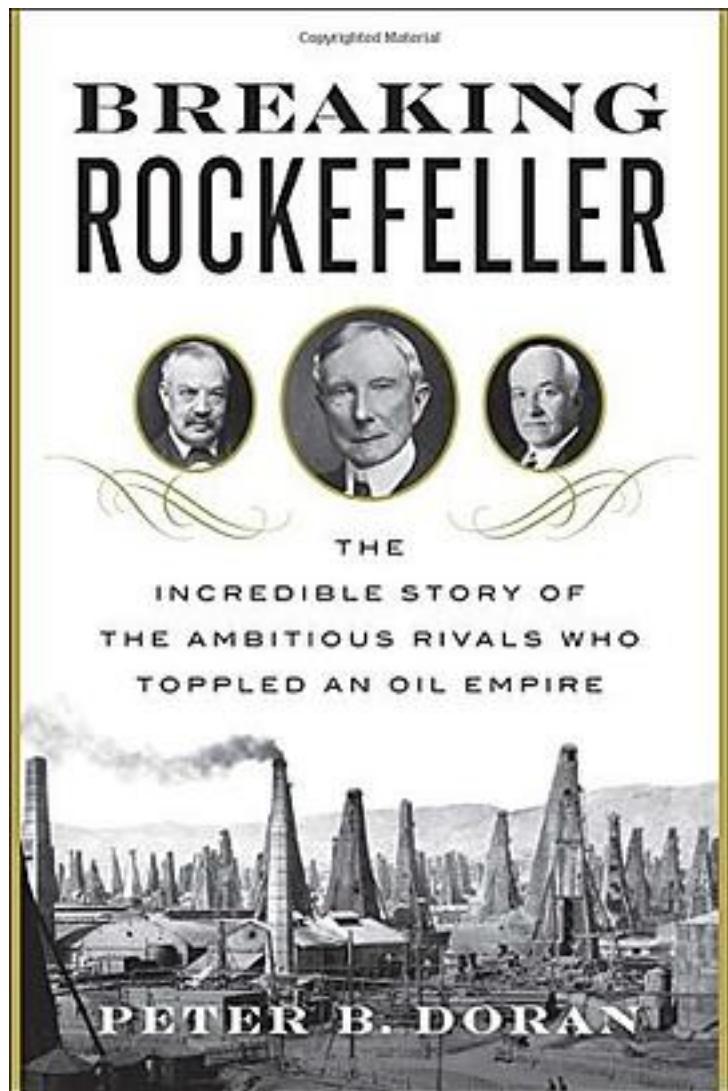


Breaking Rockefeller



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The incredible tale of how ambitious oil rivals Marcus Samuel, Jr. and Henri Deterding joined forces to topple the Standard Oil empire

Marcus Samuel, Jr., is an unorthodox Jewish merchant trader. Henri Deterding is a take-no-prisoners oilman. In 1889, John D. Rockefeller is at the peak of his power. Having annihilated all competition and possessing near-total domination of the market, even the U.S. government is wary of challenging the great “anaconda” of Standard Oil. The Standard never loses—that is until Samuel and Deterding team up to form Royal Dutch Shell.

A riveting account of ambition, oil, and greed, *Breaking Rockefeller* traces Samuel’s rise from outsider to the heights of the British aristocracy, Deterding’s conquest of America, and the collapse of Rockefeller’s monopoly. The beginning of the twentieth century is a time when vast fortunes were made and lost. Taking readers through the rough and tumble of East London’s streets, the twilight turmoil of czarist Russia, to the halls of the British Parliament, and right down Broadway in New York City, Peter Doran offers a richly detailed, fresh perspective on how Samuel and Deterding beat the world’s richest man at his own game.

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手不释卷，engaging account, riveting telling style, what an awesome book!!!
这就是我一章还没读完，心里就在腾腾往上冒的感受。感觉真的太爽了。16年读了不少这类的叙述体，但能像这样把时间线缕得清清楚楚，在如此复杂的人物关系中始终抓住读者的理解线，不让后者迷路的作者少有。我对Rockefeller之前的了解并不多，对石油、汽车产业的角逐故事也知之甚少，但阅读过程中始终没有混沌不清的感觉。书的基调是讲故事，字里行间是作者一直保有的可靠形象和生动笔法。既没有完全调研式的一板一眼，也没有太过讨巧式的娱乐口调，读起来不仅觉得舒服，还有深感佩服。

世纪之交，石油时代开启了，与此同时洛克菲勒的垄断帝国也被瓦解了。标准石油碎了一地，从此，埃克森、美孚、雪佛龙、阿莫科落地开花。

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书评

如果要我来给这本新书（2016年5月出版）取一个中文译名，也许我会选择《石油恩仇录》。虽然看起来俗得不能更俗，但没有什么更能表达其中的含义。
石油，一种成为当今世界“血液”的黑色液状化石，从它被大规模开发利用开始，就注定了不平凡的地位。随同石油流淌的财富，是名副...

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