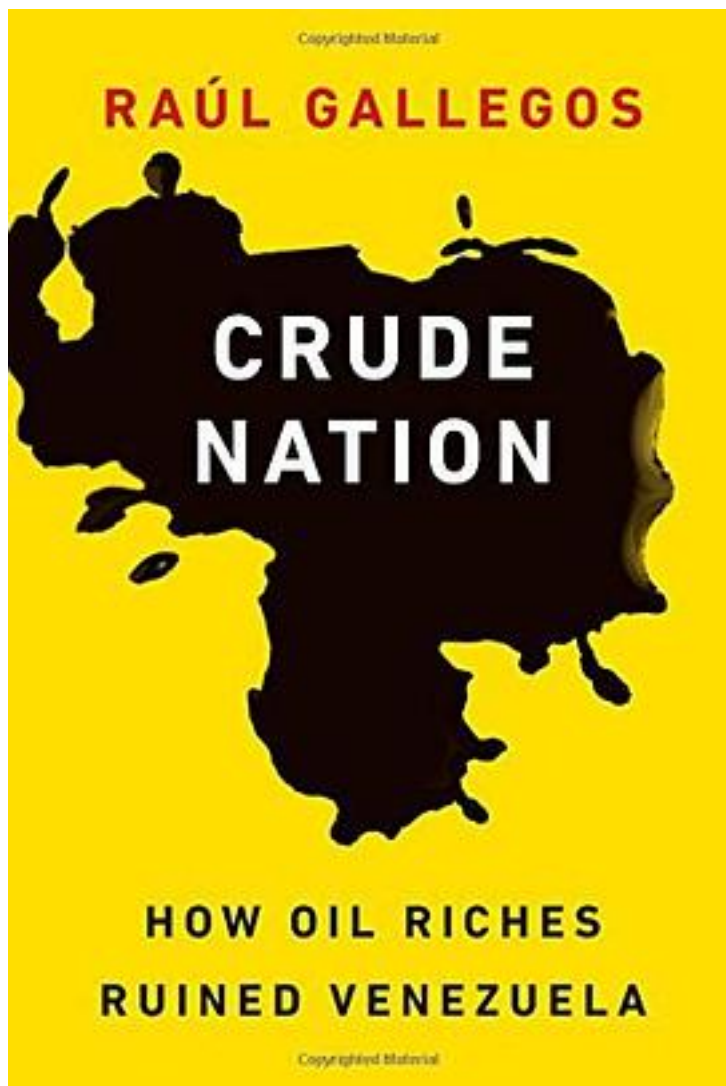


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Beneath Venezuelan soil lies an ocean of crude—the world’s largest reserves—an oil patch that shaped the nature of the global energy business. Unfortunately, a dysfunctional anti-American, leftist government controls this vast resource and has used its wealth to foster voter support, ultimately wreaking economic havoc.

Crude Nation reveals the ways in which this mismanagement has led to Venezuela’s economic ruin and turned the country into a cautionary tale for the world. Raúl Gallegos, a former Caracas-based oil correspondent, paints a picture both vivid and analytical of the country’s economic decline, the government’s foolhardy economic policies, and the wrecked lives of Venezuelans.

Without transparency, the Venezuelan government uses oil money to subsidize life for its citizens in myriad unsustainable ways, while regulating nearly every aspect of day-to-day existence in Venezuela. This has created a paradox in which citizens can fill up the tanks of their SUVs for less than one American dollar while simultaneously enduring nationwide shortages of staples such as milk, sugar, and toilet paper. Gallegos’s insightful analysis shows how mismanagement has ruined Venezuela again and again over the past century and lays out how Venezuelans can begin to fix their country, a nation that can play an important role in the global energy industry. This paperback edition features a new introduction by the author.

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劳尔·加勒格斯的《野蛮国度》展示了这个曾经是南美最稳定富裕的国家是如何滑向深渊的。加勒格斯曾是一名经济记者，住在加拉加斯。他剖析了在查韦斯12年统治时期扭曲经济的国有化、征用、补贴和对价格与货币的控制。汽油几乎是免费的，而牛奶、糖、咖啡和卫生纸则经常从商店里消失。他将分析与报告文学相结合，包括一场切·格瓦拉式的公路流浪旅行，以展现马杜罗是如何继承了一个烂摊子，并使国家变得更糟的过程。

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