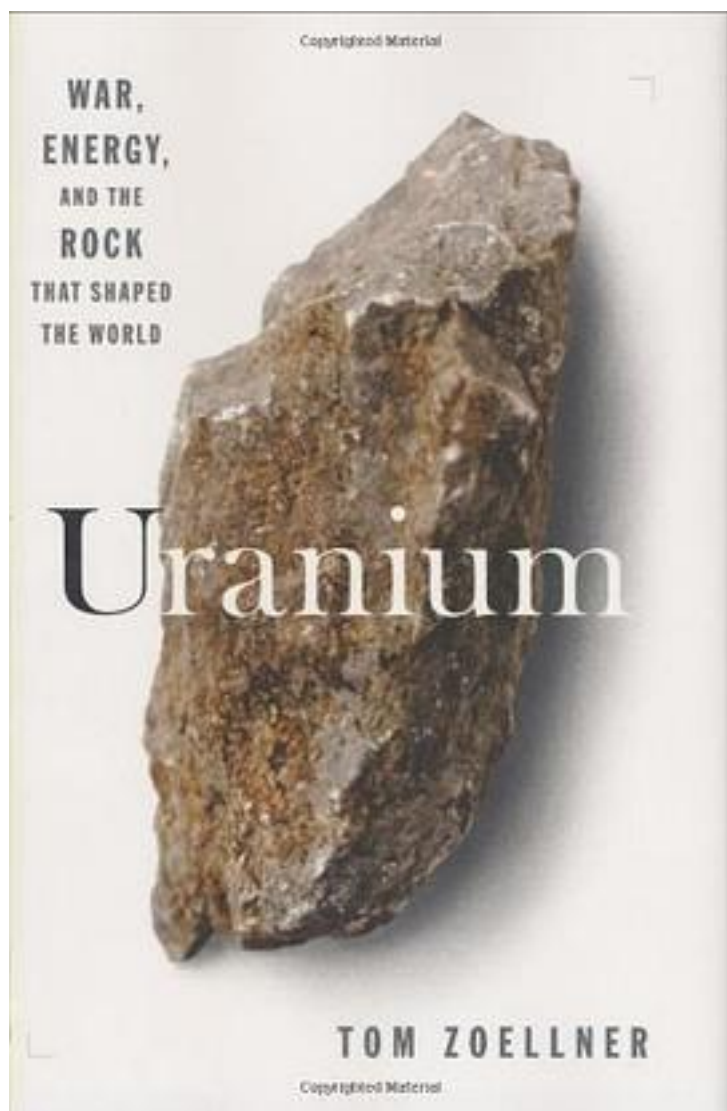


Uranium



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The fascinating story of the most powerful source of energy the earth can yield

Uranium is a common element in the earth's crust and the only naturally occurring mineral with the power to end all life on the planet. After World War II, it reshaped the global order-whoever could master uranium could master the world.

Marie Curie gave us hope that uranium would be a miracle panacea, but the Manhattan Project gave us reason to believe that civilization would end with apocalypse. Slave labor camps in Africa and Eastern Europe were built around mine shafts and America would knowingly send more than six hundred uranium miners to their graves in the name of national security.

Fortunes have been made from this yellow dirt; massive energy grids have been run from it. Fear of it panicked the American people into supporting a questionable war with Iraq and its specter threatens to create another conflict in Iran. Now, some are hoping it can help avoid a global warming catastrophe.

In Uranium , Tom Zoellner takes readers around the globe in this intriguing look at the mineral that can sustain life or destroy it.

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勉强三分。书的选题、视角和采访调查都颇有原创性，讲述了铀矿从发现到利用的历史，从烜赫一时到势头中落再到重新兴起，材料很详实。但是篇章组织的体系性较差，部分章节细节太多，有拼凑素材之嫌，流于轶闻趣事的描写，以致全书有拖沓之虞。此外，涉及政治历史的内容较多，而科技、工业等方面的内容偏少。如果肯投入时间，将其作为了解一本铀矿和原子能的业余读物也尚不错。

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