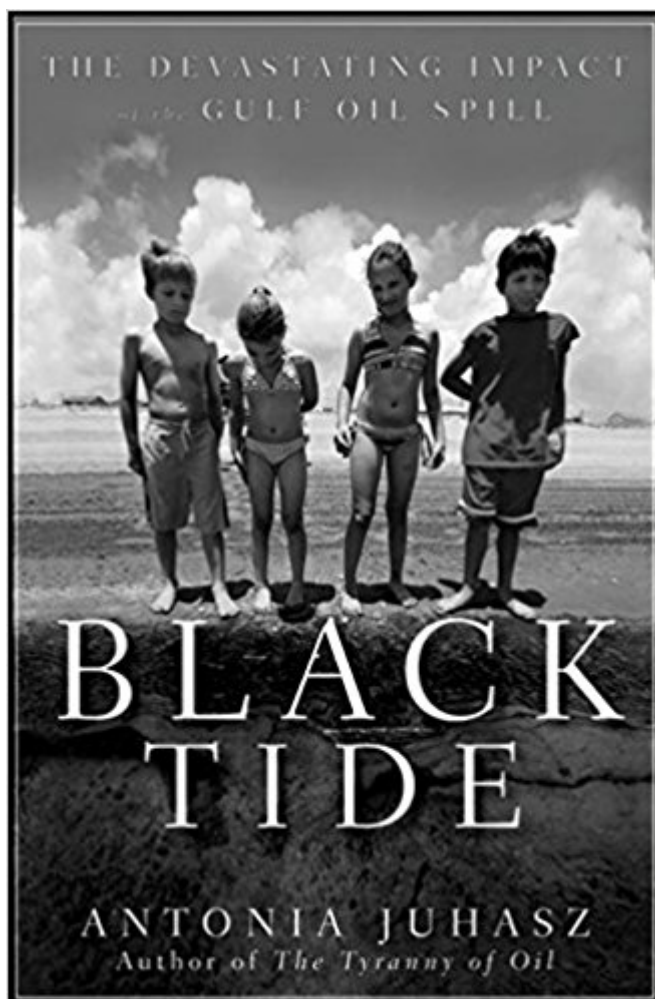


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# Black Tide: The Devastating Impact Of The Gulf Oil Spill



## Synopsis

A searing look at the human face of BP's disaster in the gulf. It is the largest oil disaster in American history, and it could happen again. It is more than a story of ruined beaches, dead wildlife, corporate spin, political machinations, and financial fallout. It is a riveting human drama filled with people whose lives will forever be defined as "before" and "after the gulf oil disaster." Black Tide is the only book to tell this story through the perspective of people on all sides of the catastrophe, from those who lost their lives, loved ones, and livelihoods to those who made the policies that set the devastating event in motion, those who cut the corners that put corporate profits over people and the environment, and those who have committed their lives to ensuring that such an event is never repeated. Dramatic and compelling, Black Tide exposes the human failings and human cost of the largest oil disaster in American history and how it could easily happen again. "We cannot allow the BP disaster to be pushed from public view the way BP used chemical dispersants to hide the oil. These remarkable stories-of loss, heroism and culpability-are a vivid reminder that this catastrophe will be with us for decades, and that we have not yet made the changes necessary to prevent destruction in the future." -Naomi Klein, author of *The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*. "It's hard to imagine a better person to turn loose on this epochal disaster than Antonia Juhasz, with her compassionate heart, vivid prose, and rich expertise in both oil and economic policy. From oil-smeared beaches, to the drilling rig's control room, to the big picture of Big Oil and the governments they push around. It's not just about disaster: it's a series of encounters with real people, from oceanographers to oyster-shuckers, striving to make things right. Black Tide is riveting, infuriating, and incredibly important." -Rebecca Solnit, author of *A Paradise Built in Hell: The Extraordinary Communities that Arise in Disaster*. "Praise for The Tyranny of Oil" "Reminds us that those who don't learn the lessons of history are fated to repeat its mistakes." -USA Today "[A] timely, blistering critique . . . white-hot" -Kirkus starred review "[A] thorough, readable takedown of Big Oil." -Publishers Weekly "A brave, groundbreaking case study. . . . A good first step toward true energy independence is to read this insightful book." -The Christian Science Monitor

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## Customer Reviews

'...seems to get closer to the truth.' (Economist, April 2011). --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

It is the worst oil disaster in American history. An oil and gas monster lurking deep below the ocean kills eleven men and destroys a multimillion-dollar rig, the Deepwater Horizon, before launching a deadly rampage across the Gulf of Mexico and onto the shores and beaches of four states. The heads of the world's mightiest corporations and most powerful governments sit impotent for three long months in the face of the monster's attack. Blasted by chemicals, a toxic oily stew remains floating in underwater plumes, waiting on the bottom of the ocean for the next big storm to strike and penetrating deep into the food chain. And it could all happen again. But even if you followed it in the media, you have yet to get the whole story. To truly understand the causes and the impact of this disaster, you must know the people behind it and those forever changed by it. In *Black Tide*, award-winning author and oil industry watchdog Antonia Juhasz, whose previous book *The Tyranny of Oil* warned that all this could happen, offers an in-depth investigation behind the scenes and beyond the sludge-smearred beaches to meet the people whose mistakes, and possible crimes, resulted in the most devastating oil spill in American history and those who must continue to bear its costs. From the families who paid the ultimate price, you will hear heart-pounding accounts of the last fateful hours aboard the Deepwater Horizon and the struggle to prevent the largest deepwater blowout in history unfold. You will follow "plume hunters" tracking the oil across the ocean and workers who clean up the toxic mess. Dedicated scientists expose the harms of dispersants while shrimpers, crabbers, and fishers take you onto their boats to share a way of life that may never recover. You will see Native American families fight for survival as environmentalists mount a defense from the beaches of Florida to the halls of Congress. Oil industry workers, engineers, and

executives will take you inside the dangerous and politically volatile world of offshore oil production, revealing why this is not just a story of one accident or a single oil company. The king and queen of the Shrimp and Petroleum Festival showcase the deeply intertwined world of seafood and oil in the Gulf, even as the fierce jousting by BP CEO Tony Hayward, oil lobbyist Jack Gerard, Governor Bobby Jindal, and President Barack Obama exposes the political-corporate straitjacket confining us to a world governed by our deadly addiction to oil. It was a disaster that should never have happened, and one that has every possibility of occurring again if those who are fighting for lasting change are not successful. Often in their own words, here is the story of the people of the BP Gulf oil spill, a story you have not yet been told. Part whodunit, part political thriller, and part epic tale of a true-life disaster, *Black Tide* is the definitive account of the unforgettable event whose full impact, both on the Gulf Coast and throughout the world, will be with us all for years to come.

This book is very troubling. It details the corporate greed, lies and misstatements of BP and the American government's complicity in covering up the extent and damage caused by the oil spill. Criminal charges should be brought against all those responsible and the Federal officials who lied should be disciplined. Must reading!

Have given this to my grandson to read and he has commented it is equal to the first book the author has written on the greed and grab for power of the Oil Barons, past and current. I read her other book and learned many things they never taught in high school or college. I would recommend both of her books.

Great piece of classic reporting that lets you know what really happened.

I feel as though I need to be informed about this disastrous oil spill. I am only in the beginning of the book, but it is very well written.

I bought this book because I had a lot of questions about the oil spill; plus I didn't like BP. I recommend the book to anyone who wants the truth about the incident. I discovered that everything I had heard or read, on TV, the net, from the Administration and from BP was false. Adding dispersant doesn't get rid of the oil, it simply disperses it over a wider area. BP had plenty of warning about trouble but chose to ignore it. DP had no backup plan; and still doesn't. Fishing and crabbing businesses have been devastated and little has been done to help. Large oil plumes still

exist beneath the surface. The administration has said BP will pickup all costs but very little has been done. And deep water drilling still goes on.

give my parents , this price is valuable. Great product,most impressive was the follow up and consideration given for my purchase from Blue Key World the seller. Outstanding. good memory. best service.

Antonia Juhasz really knows her stuff. In this book, she ensures that the effects of this disaster are known to the world. She provides an outlet for those impacted to share their stories, the real stories that you don't necessarily hear or read in the news, and you are left with a much more thorough understanding about the environmental damage that occurred. If you want to know what REALLY happened in regards to the Gulf oil spill, read this book.

I watched 1:30 of stupendous fact-sharing by the author and two other experts on CSpan2 yesterday and came here to look at the book itself. Hearing Ms Juhasz tell of all she went through to gather information -- of the cover-ups and curtailing of information (If you can't see photos, then it doesn't exist.) -- makes the publication of this book all the more amazing. Now... what do we plan to do with this information?

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