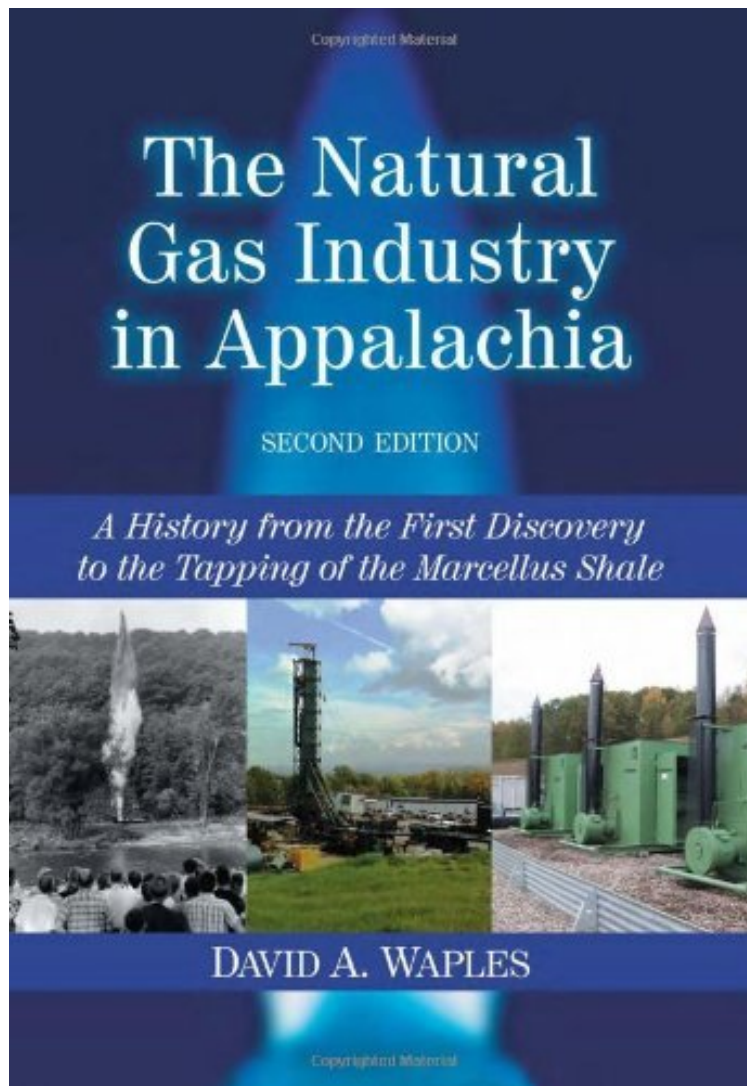


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potentially valuable resource for all of these, especially the earlier chapters on the history of natural gas and how it started out as a dangerous nuisance and was then "tamed" and turned into a valuable resource. There's enough technical detail on the various historical methods for working with it to help an author who was setting a novel in the area, for example. I have to say, though, that it was a slow and difficult read for me. The writing is very dry indeed, and consists mainly of a recitation of facts. Excellent for research! but not a delight to a more casual reader. I did find the historical chapters interesting despite this, especially since I'm interested in historical domestic science (or, more accurately, "how people did stuff back then"! ). I was not as pleased with the "modern" chapters. Waples is a gas industry executive, and it shows. The information on "fracking", for example, can hardly be considered objective or unbiased; I know there are many issues and concerns about it, and these were given very short shrift indeed. I was hoping to learn more about such matters, and could have done with rather less of the technical details about how exactly it's done. On a positive note again- for the researcher, there is an excellent glossary, a good historical timeline, thorough endnotes for each chapter, and extensive bibliography, and what seems to be a comprehensive index. These and the chapters on the history of natural gas, are why I'm giving it 4 stars. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. No compelling reason for a second edition. By Wabbit98 In history the author always has to defend why they need a second edition to be published. While historical facts, and knowledge, can change over time it is much slower than math or science. The only major additions to this work is the final two chapters, beyond some minor editing throughout the book. The final two chapters are the real focus, and makes it slightly worth it to get this book. If you are looking for technical details this is not the book for you; but if you want a history of how this developed, and affected the region, then this will serve you well. Though the first edition works just as well.

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