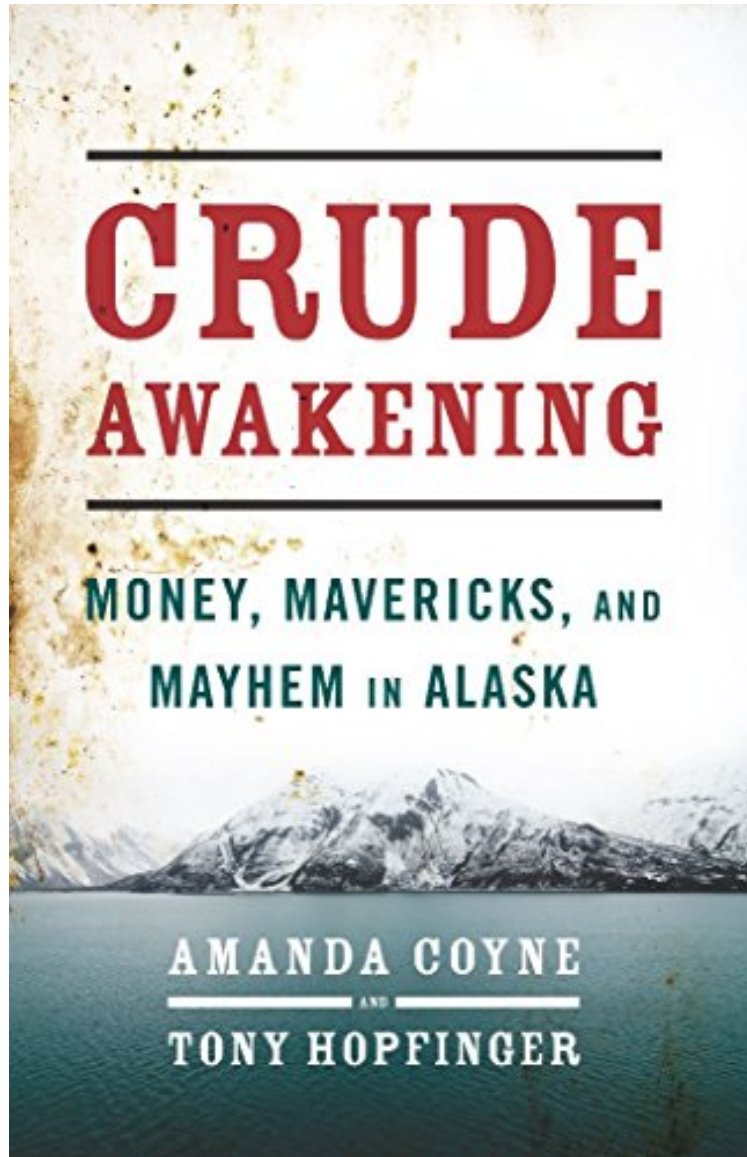


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Amanda Coyne, Tony Hopfinger : Crude Awakening: Money, Mavericks, and Mayhem in Alaska before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Crude Awakening: Money, Mavericks, and Mayhem in Alaska:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Midnight SunBy TracyMidnight sun is summer solstice when it should be dark outside but the sun is shining dimly on the horizon. The light turns the night clouds into the brilliant colors crude oil. Its beautiful, but misleading, like an oil slick.The writers of this book have used Alaskan imagery throughout, bringing in the wonders of a land that has sun and vibrant colors at night when no such sight should be

possible. They also achieved this mysterious spectacle with the intertwined stories of politics and big business. It could have been a sordid, sensationalized version of the topics in the book, but they didn't go there. It's a narrative that keeps the readers attention, like a spy thriller novel, but it doesn't come across as a cheap detective novel. It brings together the dark and light side of Alaskan issues - the oil slick colors mimicking the colors of midnight sun, hoping no one will notice. I'd recommend this book to anyone, but especially if they are curious about Alaska and/or politics. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Love it By Rob Very informative with an interesting and absorbing narrative. It was especially interesting to me because I lived in Anchorage while it was happening. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. a Rollicking Good Read By Pat from Alaska I'm from up here and I thought I was an informed, politically-aware Alaskan until I read *Crude Awakening*. I had lived through the drama and had absorbed the details but it had been just a series of incident-- big oil politics, the FBI, the corruption trials the Palin phenomenon. Now I finally have an understanding what I've been through. *Crude Awakening* has given me a coherent narrative. But Coyne and Hopfinger have also given me a really great read. They refuse to report our corruption story with cheap-journalistic righteousness. They do it with affection and sympathy. They understand how it could all have come about and they're compassionate about the people who got caught up. They also, blessedly, go way beyond that stereotypical, adorable and/or horrible depiction of Palin. They flesh her out and humanize her and put her virtues and accomplishments alongside of her flaws. And they do all this at a rollicking pace. I lived through the whole thing so of course I knew what happened next; still I kept turning the pages to find out. But most of all, the authors' love of Alaska and for the way of life up here shines through. It warms the prose and casts a glow over the whole book. I put it down yesterday and I'm still caught up in it.

Crude Awakening is the rollicking story of politics in America's last frontier and oil province--Alaska, the nation's most wild and mysterious state, where politics and oil blurred on the day wildcatters struck it big in 1968. Living in a northern Never Land, where oil companies and the federal government kept the state living high and wild, a handful of players ran the show. Among them were the late Sen. Ted Stevens and oilman Bill Allen, the Tony Soprano of Alaska who controlled the political machine until the FBI arrived to root out corruption, only to be accused of playing as dirty as those they were investigating. These characters and events paved the way for Sarah Palin's rise to fame and fall from glory in Alaska. Authors Amanda Coyne and Tony Hopfinger chart the epic tale of these three characters, set in a state of soaring hopes, fading dreams, drying oil fields and an uncertain future.

Joe Conason, author of *The Hunting of the President: The 10 Year Campaign to Destroy Bill and Hillary Clinton* and *Big Lies: The Right-Wing Propaganda Machine and How It Distorts the Truth* "Crude Awakening is a marvelously lyrical yet rigorous narrative of Alaska's awakening to the corruption spawned by its enormous natural wealth. It's a story told through the lives of three remarkable characters: oil kingpin Bill Allen, political boss Ted Stevens, and the state's self-proclaimed savior, Sarah Palin."