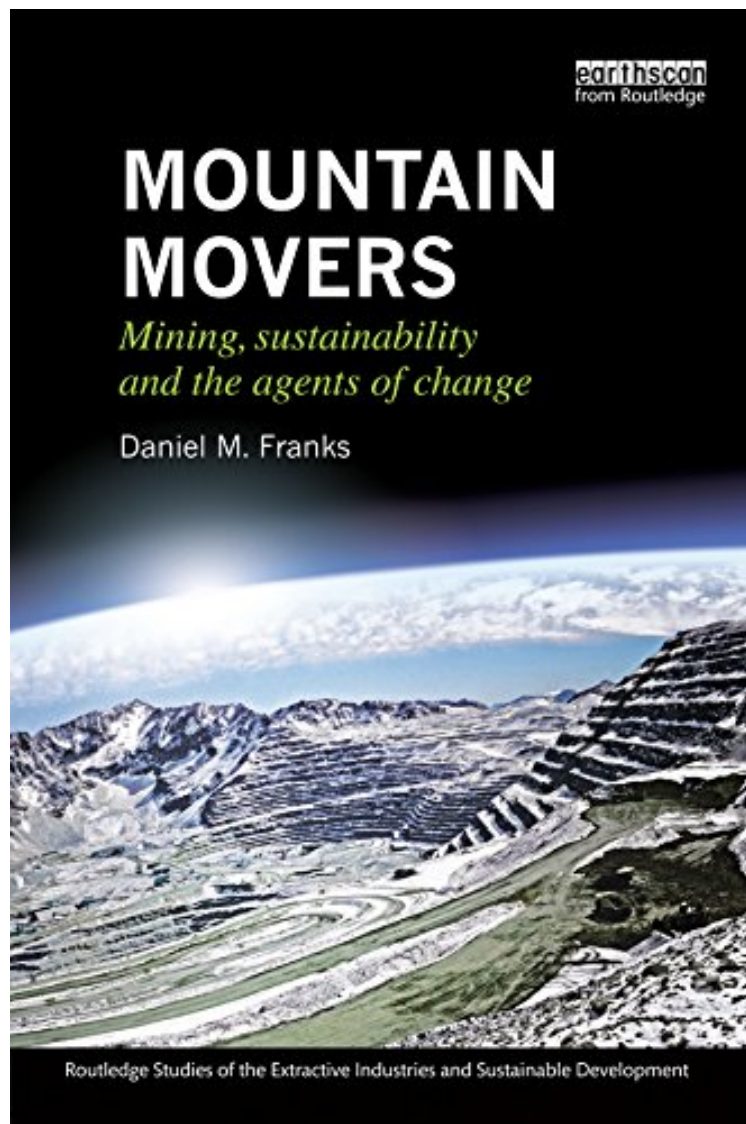


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The dynamics for change in the mining sector
By Customer
Mountain Movers: Mining, Sustainability and the Agents of Change, Routledge Studies of the Extractive Industries and Sustainable Development
Hermann Goering once said that every time he heard the word "culture"; he reached for his revolver. While I have no time for fascism I must admit I feel the same way whenever I hear someone from the mining industry use the term "world's best practice"; I have heard mining industry representatives use the most outlandishly lavish language to describe some of the worst environmental management of mine sites, slap-dash rehabilitation efforts and bullying relations with landholders that I sometimes have trouble giving credit to those companies and individuals who do the right thing. This book by Daniel Franks has forced me to be more selective in my criticisms. This is not to say that Franks is an apologist for bad mining practices; quite the contrary. He knows where the bodies are buried; he is aware of the industry's history and, most importantly, of the many examples of environmental NGOs and communities standing up against the companies to reveal bad practice and demand reform. His book starts with an examination of the impact of the Mining, Minerals and Sustainable Development Initiative of 2000-2002. This looked at how the mining and minerals sector could contribute to the global transition to sustainable development. Through an extensive series of interviews with agents of change from within the industry as well as many from outside Franks develops an approach to social change which shows how insiders and outsiders can work together to achieve good outcomes. Rather than talk vaguely about how the industry, as a whole, makes decisions leading to greater sustainability, as the industry spin doctors do, he puts names to various positions taken and influence wielded and consequently, gives credit where it is due. I was also impressed by examples he gave of communities, especially in developing nations, resisting exploitative and destructive mining practices. This is not to say the author takes an anti-mining stance. He is, as he states early in the book, a supporter of mining and a believer in sustainable mining practices. This is not written in an overly scholarly manner. It is well written for a wider audience. Hopefully it will be read widely in the mining sector.

Drew Hutton
0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fast-paced account of corporate change in a relatively inertial sector
By Saleem Ali
For full disclosure, Dr. Franks worked in our team at the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining, and I have known him as a colleague during the time this book was being written and am aware of the time constraints he had to endure in writing this manuscript with numerous other commitments. However, the review is based on reading the manuscript after publication and not on any involvement in the manuscript's design or preparation which were entirely developed by Dr. Franks.-----The book traces the history of change in the mining industry, particularly the advent and impact of the Mining, Minerals and Sustainable Development Initiative at the turn of the millennium. An admirable feature of this book is the due respect the author gives to internal and external agents of corporate change (business leaders as well as civil society). There is considerable reliance on long-form interviews with key decision-makers in the volume which gives the monograph some authenticity but also makes the book a bit too journalistic in cadence. A scholar of Dr. Frank's eminence could have provided more direct analysis of the quotations which would have given more depth and critical appraisal for the reader. Instead, we have a measured and guarded exposition of change agents in the sector. The text itself is also rather short for the price and it seems as though Dr. Franks could have brought forth his own analysis and engagement in another hundred pages which were never written. There were also many comparisons with corporate change in other sectors which could have been drawn upon. Indeed, an entire genre of literature on corporate change exists that could have given more weight to the analysis. For example, Jeanie Daniel Duck's classic book "The Change Monster" (also written for a general non-academic audience) could have been consulted or parallels with the change of companies such as General Electric and 3M deserved some attention (particularly since both had major mining interests too). Despite these deficiencies, the narrative is nicely formulated with catchy chapter titles and captions and will be engaging for a non-specialist. Business leaders with limited time would find the book an easy read but should recognize that there is more than meets the eye on the topic. Invite Dr. Franks for a conversation and that would augment the somewhat confined narrative within the pages. Finally, a major industrial change issue that is missed in the book, but which the author had the ability to delve into, is how the recycling sector and the circular economy has the potential to transform the mining industry. Ultimately, the mining sector will need to reinvent itself as a material service provider and there are still many more bold decisions to be made in this major corporate transformation. I look forward to following future writings of Dr. Franks who has much potential as a scholar and practitioner beyond this book as well.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Mountain Movers provides critical context to anyone in "the orbit of the mining industry"
By Rachel Maas (Principal Social Scientist, Just Add Lime)
Mountain Movers provides critical context to anyone wanting to work in or currently working in "the orbit of the mining industry". It is this context that provides the 'why' things are done (or not done) on site or in head office for many resource development companies. When compared to most mining or environmental/science books about the resource industry, Mountain Movers is easy to read. It tells a factual story and not just pages of dry facts. Mountain Movers is unique in that it provides a framework for the reader to identify themselves and others as change agents and the type of change agent they are. This framework provides an opportunity to even greater understanding of the players in the sustainability business, which in itself can lead to more sustainable resource development around the world.

The products of mining are everywhere – if it wasn't grown, it was mined or drilled. But the mining industry has a chequered past. Pollution, human rights abuses, and corruption have tarnished the reputation of the industry across the globe. Over a decade ago the major mining companies embraced the concept of sustainable and equitable development and embarked on an explicit process of reform – but has the industry actually changed? This book explores the dynamics of change-making for sustainable development in the resources sector, specifically the mining of mineral and energy resources. The author recounts the stories and insights of over forty change-makers both inside and outside the industry, from anti-mining activists to the professionals charged with the task of reform, introducing the people who are moving an industry that moves mountains. The book takes stock of what has worked and what has not, analyzing the relative influence and dynamics of the key corporate, civil society and government actors with a view to developing new approaches for improving environmental and social outcomes from mineral and energy development. Illustrated with case studies from Angola, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Guinea, Peru, The Philippines, Romania, Sierra Leone, South Africa, and The United States of America, and brimming with the backstories to the major sustainability initiatives, *Mountain Movers* reveals where progress has been made and where reform is still needed towards a more sustainable and equitable mining industry.

"A sobering and powerful account... *Mountain Movers* beautifully and dispassionately takes us through the shades and colorations of mining, the paradoxes confronting the sector, the motivations for change, the unattended frustrations, the mountains still to climb, and the gains achieved so far." – Antonio Pedro, Spearhead of the Africa Mining Vision and Director, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Sub-Regional Office for Eastern Africa.
"Expansive and compelling, Franks delves into the heart of industry change – and finds that it is the people. A blueprint for the next necessary wave of extractive industry reform." – Dame Meg Taylor, Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum and Former Vice-President Compliance Advisor Ombudsman, World Bank Group.
"*Mountain Movers* documents the important progress made in recent years in the global mining industry and the urgent and continuing need for further reform." – Keith Slack, Global Program Manager, Extractive Industries, Oxfam America.
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