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## Description:

**From Publishers Weekly** Journalist Bryce, author of *Gusher of Lies* and managing editor of online industry newsmagazine *Energy Tribune*, is nothing if not polemical. While his swings are sometimes familiar ("The essence of protecting the environment can be distilled to a single phrase: Small is beautiful") and sometimes bizarre ("The world isn't using too much oil. It's not using enough"), the points he raises merit serious consideration. In this informed, opinionated state-of-the-industry overview, Bryce contends that energy policy must be based upon four imperatives: "power density, energy density, cost and scale." Wind and solar power, he says, fail those standards due to storage problems and the vagaries of weather; Denmark, the poster child for renewable energy, nevertheless imports hydroelectric power from Norway and Sweden, relies heavily upon North Sea oil and coal,

and increased its greenhouse gas emissions by 2.1 percent between 1990 and 2006. Pointing to the environmental cost of hydropower ("ruining habitats for aquatic life"), oil spills, and coal mining, Bryce makes a strong case for heavier reliance upon natural gas, a relatively clean and readily available carbon fuel, as a bridge technology: "The smartest, most forward-looking U.S. energy policy can be summed up in one acronym: 'N2N'," for "natural gas to nuclear power."

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### **Review Kirkus**

"Capably argued... advocates of renewable energy should familiarize themselves with the book, since oil, gas and coal lobbyists surely will."

### **Philadelphia Inquirer**

"Bryce is especially good at explaining why fossil fuels have become entrenched as our main energy sources."

### **Library Journal**

"Bryce uses copious facts and research to make a compelling case that renewable sources have their place in our energy future but they aren't the viable panacea we're led to believe."

### **Ft. Worth Star-Telegram, April 23, 2010**

"Any new Robert Bryce book, in my opinion, had one tough hurdle to clear: I'd found Bryce's first book, *Gusher of Lies*, impossible to put down."

### **American Spectator, April 26, 2010**

"Endlessly fascinating reading."

### **Wall Street Journal, April 27, 2010**

"A brutal brilliant exploration... If *Power Hungry* sounds like a supercharged polemic, its shocks are delivered with forensic skill and narrative aplomb.... It is unsentimental, unsparing and impassioned; and, if you'll excuse the pun, it is precisely the kind of journalism we need to hold truth to power."

### **Washington Times, May 31, 2010**

"[Bryce's] magnificently unfashionable, superlatively researched new book dares to fly in the face of all current conventional wisdom and cant.... I have never yet found any book or author who does a more thorough, unanswerable job of demolishing universally held environmental myths than Mr. Bryce does.... Mr. Obama is reputed to be an omnivorous reader of serious intellectual volumes. He should drop everything else and put Robert Bryce's invaluable book at the top of his list. So should every senator and Congress member and every self-important, scientifically illiterate pundit in America, right and left alike. They will all learn a lot."

### **National Review, August 2, 2010**

"Should be mandatory reading for U.S. policymakers."

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