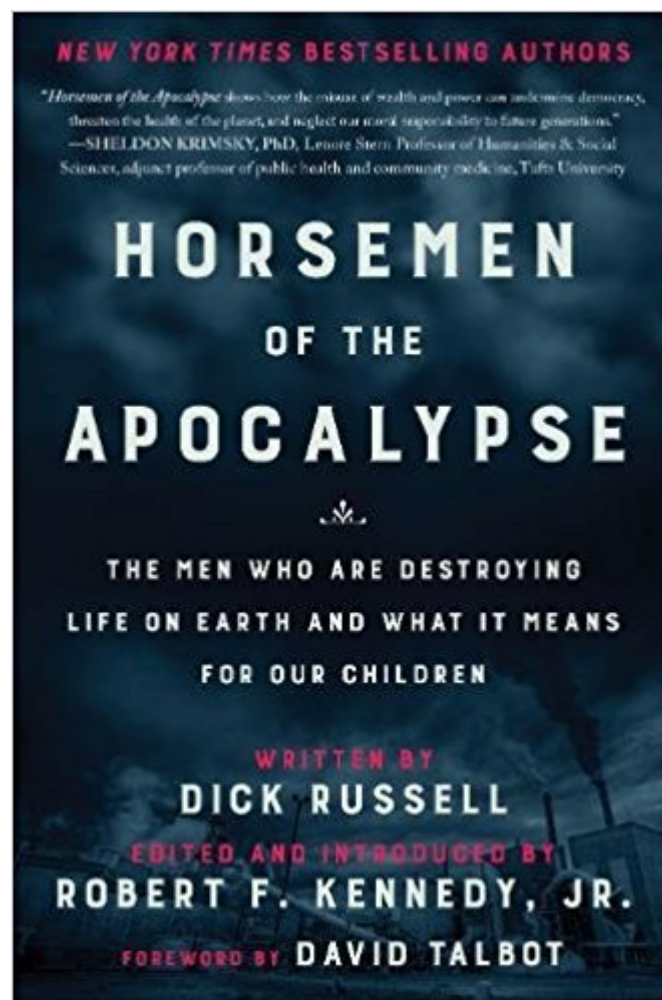




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# Horsemen Of The Apocalypse: The Men Who Are Destroying Life On Earth—And What It Means For Our Children



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From the New York Times bestselling author Dick Russell, edited and introduced by New York Times bestselling author Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.!

A must read for anyone concerned with climate and energy issues.

Leonardo DiCaprio, Academy Award winning actor and environmental activist

The science is overwhelming; the facts are in. The planet is heating up at an alarming rate and the results are everywhere to be seen. Yet, as time runs out, climate progress is blocked by the men who are profiting from the burning of the planet: energy moguls like the Koch brothers and Exxon Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson. Powerful politicians like Senators Mitch McConnell and Jim Inhofe, who receive massive contributions from the oil and coal industries. Most of these men are too intelligent to truly believe that climate change is not a growing crisis. And yet they have put their profits and careers ahead of the health and welfare of the world's population; and even their own children and grandchildren. How do they explain themselves to their offspring, to the next generations that must deal with the environmental havoc that these men have wreaked? *Horsemen of the Apocalypse* takes a personal look at this global crisis, literally bringing it home.

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informed about the individuals trying to monkeywrench environmental policy and the money behind their campaigns." —The Huffington Post

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This is a must-read for those concerned about climate change and holding polluters accountable for delaying political action to address this global security threat. Russell is a fabulous writer (also enjoyed reading his book *Striper Wars* and many articles), and he convincingly indicts these fossil fuel barons for their ongoing crimes against humanity. You'll walk away understanding in a lot more depth the need to get off fossil fuels now, and a sense of outrage that these characters walk freely. Chapter 7 on Peabody's war on children was especially blood-boiling for me.

The global warming Armageddon may now be too late to stop. But we sure shouldn't be expediting its coming for the benefit of a few sadistic cash gluttons at the expense of everyone and everything else on earth. And even perhaps the demise of these irrational sociopaths themselves if they live long enough but certainly the demise of their eventual progeny depending on the speed of the ensuing carnage. Or perhaps the natural world will exist but become an aesthetically degraded dystopian nightmare that no sentient person would ever want to exist in. Either case being a veritable death in terms of what life is meant to be or if it will continue at all. The science is in: Global Warming is Real and a Pestilential Storm is Coming. It is therefore pure insanity not to act to correct humanity's errant ways in order to provide a largess to an insane, psychopathic oligarchy. And correcting the problem isn't even a sacrifice but rather a solution that will improve all life on the planet aesthetically, health wise and economically. Thank you so much Dick Russell for laying out the plain facts whereby it is obvious for even a child to understand that the people of the world are being deceived by the same machinery that gerrymanders voting districts, produces 24/7 fake news, hacks elections, uses artificial intelligence with computer technology to brain wash, lies, steals and most of all bribes the hell out of government officials and citizens into betraying the constitution and the people protected by it. This with the most dire ramifications to the entire world a proven result. Again, all for the insidious greed of a crazed minority. Listen, if the oligarchy was stealing the wealth of the world by selling counterfeit handbags or another sundry sort of pilfering, well, it would be bad but we could endure it. Unfortunately the raging greed genes of these culprits is threatening life on earth in its entirety - NOW. Dick Russell has laid it all out in this book. So now all of us with a moral compass must immediately fight this menace with our every available means. Unless, we're just going to go down quietly or pass out the Jim Jones after dinner drinks. There is no middle ground to this inimical disaster to straddle. We must choose either: Death by the Fossil Fuel Oligarchy or Life. Come on people.

If you care at all about the future of the nation and world in regards to survival, you can't ignore and not read this book. I read it in a few sittings, then again, and was so impressed I purchased copies for the libraries of nearby schools. This book is a perfect primer for those who want to really understand what is happening to our planet through the uncaring hands of uncaring, monied interests.

Warren Buffett quoted in Omaha saying "the world has really changed with Apple, Google, Microsoft and Facebook the new financial leaders. But we in USA are stuck with old fashion fossil fuel kings who not only put profits before people, but profits before polluting the earth. This book give scary insider details of how and who of the fossil fuel kings have too much control over this country. I read 'Horseman of Apocalypse' by Dick Russell & Robert Kennedy Jr. while reading NASA coverage of Antarctic - Larsen C Ice Shelf progression of cracking off due to warming it's the size of Delaware... related shockers! Bob Jackman - Tulsa & quoted in Russell's great book.

Robert F. Kennedy's intro is brilliant. Lively, provocative writing by Russell about deceit and those who sell it to us. Persuasive. My one frustration is that the book lacks citations for quotes & references. Fascinating research, connecting political and scientific threads. Without sources, the reader is not able to follow the trail of documentation-- unfortunate since it is such an important book. The linking of climate deniers to the horsemen of the Apocalypse is a brilliant literary device. A great read!

This book talks about so many important issues. A must read for everyone who is the least bit concerned with the people in charge of our country and the future of our children.

Horsemen of the Apocalypse provides a comprehensive tour of the men who have peddled climate denialism and who have stopped the country's politicians from taking action to move off of fossil fuels. Russell is a more than capable guide on that tour, taking the reader from the halls of Congress to the gates of Rex Tillerson's ranch in Texas. For anyone who's interested in how we got into our current awful state of inaction on climate, and the people who created the gridlock, this is a worthy read.

This is a brilliant and eye-opening book with fascinating stories of the players responsible for the dire situation we are in today as well as the troubling future in store for the next generation. This book is a quick read and also has a hopeful message at the end. The last chapter highlights how the next generation is taking charge and trying to save our planet and themselves.

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