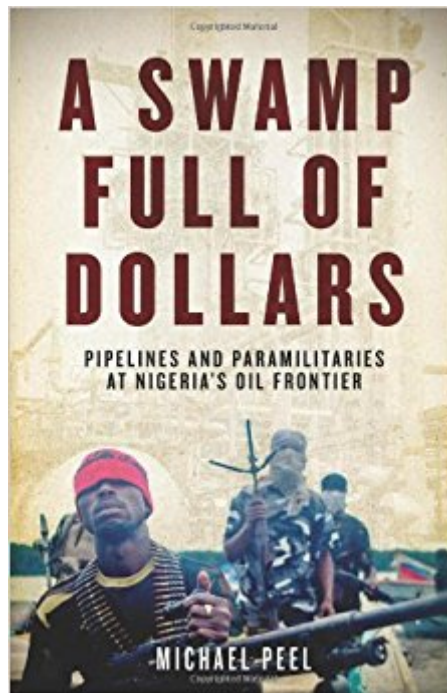




The book was found

# A Swamp Full Of Dollars: Pipelines And Paramilitaries At Nigeria's Oil Frontier



## Synopsis

The largest U.S. trading partner in sub-Saharan Africa, petroleum-rich Nigeria exports half its daily oil production to the United States. Like many African nations with natural resources coveted by the world's superpowers, the country has been shaped by foreign investment and intervention, conflicts among hundreds of ethnic and religious groups, and greed. Polio has boomed along with petroleum, small villages face off with giant oil companies, and scooter drivers run their own ministates. The oil-rich Niger Delta region at the heart of it all is a trouble spot as hot as the local pepper soup. Blending vivid reportage, history, and investigative journalism, in *A Swamp Full of Dollars* journalist Michael Peel tells the story of this extraordinary country, which grows ever more wild and lawless by the day as its refined petroleum pumps through our cities. Through a host of colorful characters--from the Area Boy gangsters of Lagos to a corrupt state governor who stashed money in his London penthouse, from the militants in their swamp forest hideouts to oil company executives--Peel makes the connection between Western energy consumption and the breakdown of the Nigerian state, where the corruption of the haves is matched only by the determination and ingenuity of the have-nots. What has happened to Nigeria is a stark warning to the United States and other economic powers as they grow increasingly frantic in their search for new oil sources: unbridled plunder eventually rebounds on those who have done the taking. *A Swamp Full of Dollars*--shortlisted for the Guardian First Book Award--shows that if the Arab world is the precarious eastern battle line in an intensifying world war for crude, then Nigeria has become the tumultuous western front.

## Book Information

Hardcover: 256 pages

Publisher: Chicago Review Press (July 1, 2010)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1569762864

ISBN-13: 978-1569762868

Product Dimensions: 5.5 x 0.8 x 8.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 14.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars Â Â See all reviews Â (4 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #1,168,262 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #78 in Â Books > History > Africa > Nigeria #314 in Â Books > Engineering & Transportation > Engineering > Energy Production & Extraction > Fossil Fuels > Petroleum #520 in Â Books > Business & Money > Industries > Energy

## Customer Reviews

The plunder by large oil companies in petroleum-rich Nigeria is a warning to the U.S., which receives the lion's share of Nigeria's oil exports. Michael Peel tells a fascinating story of what he discovered when traveling through Nigeria as an investigative reporter. Gangsters, corrupt officials, militias, greedy corporations, political, social, and economic chaos--and oil spills far larger than the BP disaster that wreaked havoc in America. As U.S. citizens we should know as much about this crisis as our domestic spill--this book will open your eyes!

Peel does an excellent job of trying to capture the mess that is today's Nigeria. The history, the corruption, the creativity. Such a wealth of possibilities in the 60's sidelined by so many built in negatives that worked against its becoming the Star of Africa. I lived there from 64-66 and visited in '72. My only complaint against the book is its small type. I don't need glasses for reading, but this book was a challenge at times.

Having stayed in Nigeria for a long time, I can relate with the book. And I agree, Nigeria has the potential to break the shackles and become a nation all its citizens will be proud of.

The author was all over the place.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

A Swamp Full of Dollars: Pipelines and Paramilitaries at Nigeria's Oil Frontier  
Cooking With Coconut Oil Vol. 1 - 50 Coconut Oil Recipes Promoting Health, Wellness, & Beauty - Coconut Oil Cookbook - Coconut Oil Uses - Coconut Oil (Coconut Oil Diet And Recipes) Essential Oils: 50 Essential Oil Dog & Cat Recipes From My Essential Oil Private Collection: Proven Essential Oil Recipes That Work! (Essential Oil Pet Private Collection Book 1) Diffuser Recipes: Essential Oil Diffuser Recipes For Weight Loss, Better Sleep & Fat Loss (Aromatherapy, Essential Oils, Detox, Cleanse, Healthy Living, ... Lavender Oil, Coconut Oil, Tea Tree Oil) Oil & Gas Pipelines in Nontechnical Language  
Coconut Oil and Apple Cider Vinegar: 28 Mind Blowing Uses for Coconut Oil and Apple Cider Vinegar (The Apple Cider Vinegar and Coconut Oil Bible - Amazing Benefits, Many Uses, and Natural Cures) Olive Oil: (Free Gift eBook Inside!) How it Heals and Mends the Body, Beauty and Health Tips of Olive Oil (55 Beneficial Tips on How Olive Oil can Help You Today) NIGERIA Country Studies: A brief, comprehensive study of Nigeria  
Dan Frontier and the New House (Dan Frontier

Series) Early Knives & Beaded Sheaths of the American Frontier (Of the American Frontier Series)  
The Politics of Bones: Dr. Owens Wiwa And The Struggle For Nigeria's Oil Oil, Politics and  
Violence: Nigeria's Military Coup Culture 1966-1976 Tales from a Florida Fish Camp: And Other  
Tidbits of Swamp Rat Philosophy Swamp Angel (New Canadian Library (Paperback)) Cycling  
Greenville SC: Road Biking, Mountain Biking, Swamp Rabbit Trail, Bike Touring Making the Desert  
Modern: Americans, Arabs, and Oil on the Saudi Frontier, 1933-1973 (Culture, Politics, and the Cold  
War) America's Kingdom: Mythmaking on the Saudi Oil Frontier (Stanford Studies in Middle Eastern  
and Islamic Studies and Cultures (Paperback)) Pipelines and Permafrost: Science in a Cold Climate  
(Carleton Contemporary Series) Treaties on Transit of Energy via Pipelines and Countermeasures  
(Oxford Monographs in International Law) Microprocessor Architecture: From Simple Pipelines to  
Chip Multiprocessors

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)