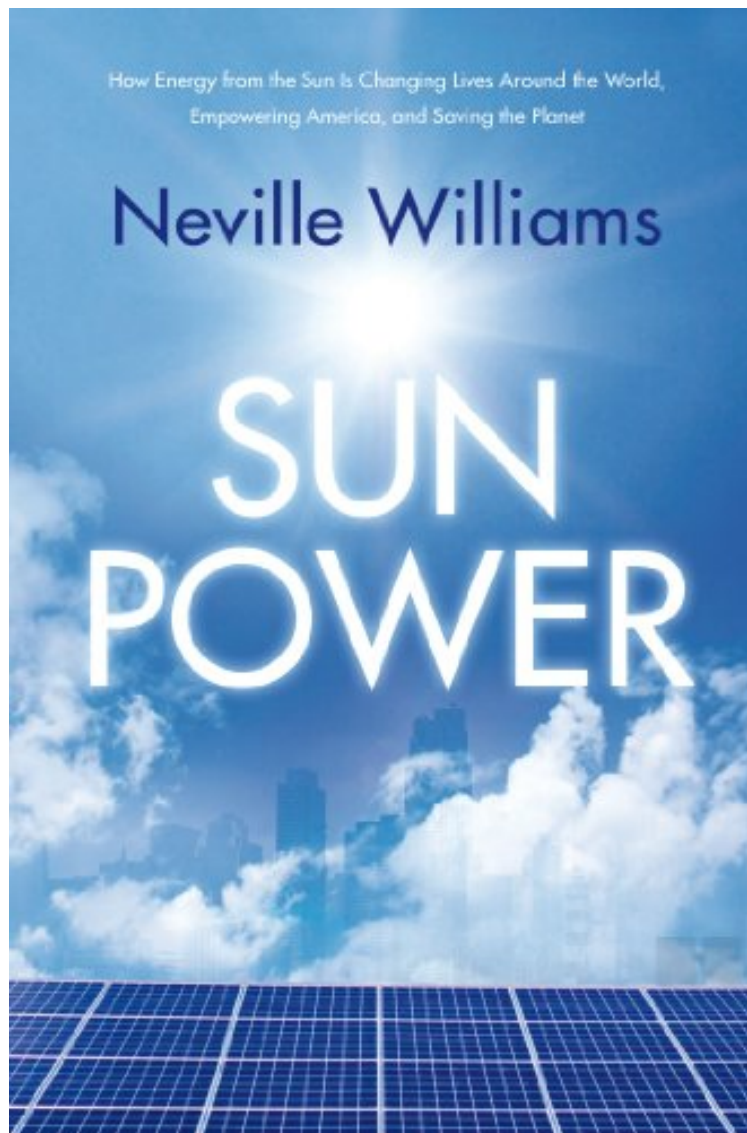


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this book review the author's long experience in the solar industry around the world; the reader is introduced to so many leaders in the field through stories that make up the history of the industry. The last chapter ("Welcome to the Solar Age: 2010 – 2020") and Appendix I were what I was after though. The world-wide perspective of where solar is and will be is covered as well as state by state. My motivation for reading Sun Power was to build a knowledge base to be used with our church in Florida which is exploring installing solar PV modules. This book was just what I needed since Mr. Williams wrote 3 pages on Florida's state utility, the Florida-based solar companies, and the pros cons. I was blown away by the straight talk in the 5 1/2 pages he wrote on politics in answering the question, "Why aren't we using solar?" I think he got it precisely right and succinctly presented. But the Appendix I was the most useful part to me immediately: it is a simplified and interestingly presented explanation of solar technology. This is the knowledge base I lacked that'll make working for and communicating about solar Photovoltaics possible. Thank you Neville Williams!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Engrossing By Richard Sun Power is a richly engrossing and sometimes irreverent story of the dreamers and doers who pioneered, evangelized, innovated, adopted, financed and started-up solar companies both in the U.S. and the world; it's also a story of the political and bureaucratic battles they fought. For world travelers, there are great stories with a lot of local color in setting up solar companies in far off places like Nepal, Vietnam, India, Sri Lanka, Africa and China. The author's account of women in remote villages as early adopters of small rooftop solar home systems is compelling. The author provides much detail including catalysts for solar installations in leading countries. Germany leads the world because of its willingness to subsidize the cottage industry of residential and businesses providing electricity into the grid from their rooftop solar systems. China is making a huge commitment to building solar as well as wind infrastructure and will surpass the rest of the world; the author posits that China will be the first renewables (solar and wind) superpower. The implications of this are food for thought. The U.S. lags the top five leaders; as the author states, its American exceptionalism at its worst. Because Chinese manufacturers have built far more capacity than the market can handle, the cost of solar panels has decreased to a level where solar has either achieved grid parity or is approaching grid parity depending on the market. The author states that solar is the world's fastest growing industry. Since reading the book, I look at the world a little differently: I look for solar panels on rooftops and I see a lot of them; almost every day I notice there's a news item of a new solar plant being built or a new record achieved somewhere for solar energy. The author has opened my eyes to something that's been in plain sight but I just haven't looked at it for what it is: solar energy is coming of age. The author tells his story with a colorful palette of passion, humanity, humor and intelligence. I highly recommend reading Sun Power to get an informed and entertaining perspective on solar; how it got to where it is today and where it's going in the future.

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America is on the brink of a green energy revolution that can save the planet, and increase peace and prosperity, by harnessing the unlimited solar power. After decades of promise, the technology for alternative energy solutions now exists to replace our dangerous addiction to fossil fuels with cheap, clean solar energy. Neville Williams has been on the leading edge of this revolution for decades and knows from firsthand experience how sun power can transform lives and communities for the better. He has traveled the globe bringing solar-generated electricity to struggling communities throughout Asia, Africa, India, and the developing world. From isolated villages high in the mountains of Nepal to remote settlements in South Africa, Williams has worked to bring sun power to even the most off-the-grid reaches of the planet. He has brought that knowledge and experience back to America where he founded one of the country's fastest growing solar companies. If millions of poor families in the Third World can get their power from the sun, why can't Americans concerned with their rising power bills, dependence on foreign oil, and carbon footprints do the same? The answer is that sun power is here, it works, and can light up a new era of economic and environmental security – if we have the will to seize this historic opportunity. This book is not about predictions or promises. It's about what's happening now, all over the world, and what still needs to be done. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

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