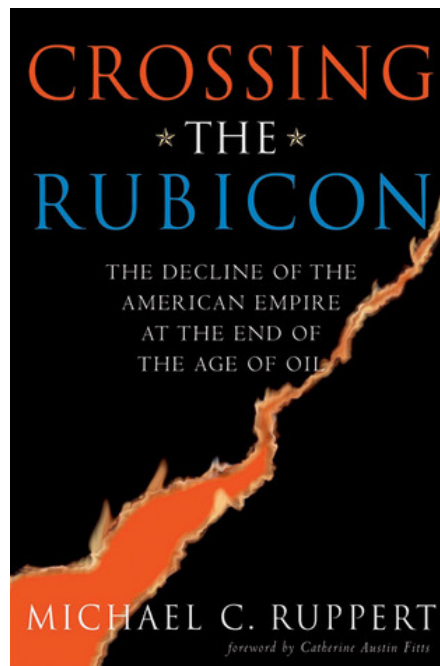




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The attacks of September 11, 2001, were accomplished through an amazing orchestration of logistics and personnel. *Crossing the Rubicon* discovers and identifies key suspects—finding some of them in the highest echelons of American government—by showing how they acted in concert to guarantee that the attacks produced the desired result.

Crossing the Rubicon is unique not only for its case-breaking examination of 9/11, but for the breadth and depth of its world picture—an interdisciplinary analysis of petroleum, geopolitics, narcotraffic, intelligence and militarism—without which 9/11 cannot be understood.

The US manufacturing sector has been mostly replaced by speculation on financial data whose underlying economic reality is a dark secret. Hundreds of billions of dollars in laundered drug money flow through Wall Street each year from opium and coca fields maintained by CIA-sponsored warlords and US-backed covert paramilitary violence. America's global dominance depends on a continually turning mill of guns, drugs, oil and money. Oil and natural gas—the fuels that make economic growth possible—are subsidized by American military force and foreign lending.

In reality, 9/11 and the resulting “war on terror” are parts of a massive authoritarian response to an emerging economic crisis of unprecedented scale. Peak Oil—the beginning of the end for our industrial civilization—is driving the élites of American power to implement unthinkable draconian measures of repression, warfare and population control. *Crossing the Rubicon* is more than a story. It is a map of the perilous terrain through which, together and alone, we are all now making our way.

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Mason says

This book helped inform me about what really happened on 9/11, and the real reasons that we invaded Iraq and have stayed there for so long (not anymore). The level of conspiracy that goes all the way up to the highest parts of the American Government (namely Dick Cheney) is astounding, and this book lays it all out. Some of my favorite parts are when the government is quoted as saying something, when they said something earlier or something happened that completely disproves that theory. Other enjoyable parts for me are times when the situation is completely ridiculous, like the passage that says the board that decides what countries (middle eastern) need to be controlled or have more NATO forces implemented in them is financed directly by the middle eastern countries that they are discussing.

I would definitely recommend this book to someone who was interested about learning more about the secrets that are everywhere in our life, but not to someone who is a far-right Republican supporter, as this book is highly critical of the American Government (and many governments for that matter). This book also talks about "Peak Oil", the point in the world when overall oil production passes the high point. What this book talks about, essentially, is that when Peak Oil happens (it may have already happened; this book was written 6 years ago), we are all screwed.

Simon says

Well this is an epic 700 page tome.

And it has some interesting ideas. I particularly liked the proposed explanation for why exactly we all went to war with Afghanistan post 9/11, when absolutely none of the people involved in 9/11 were Afghans, they were all Saudis, Bin Laden was a Saudi prince, there was precisely zero connection to Afghanistan, yet that's where we invaded.

And the suggestion was thus, the Taliban when they came into power brought an end to the planting of Opium poppies throughout the country, and Afghanistan is the worlds major supplier of opium.

The world wide heroin trade accounts for many many billions of cash. This cash needs to be laundered. And as we now know, a lot of our major big name highstreet banks are heavily involved in the laundering of drugs money.

So this guy suggests that Wall Street as a whole is utterly dependent on the cash cow that is the drug trade. And when the Taliban threatened to cut it off, something had to be done.

One year after the US lead invasion of Afganistan, many Afghan warlords who were major players in the opium trade had been released from the jailcells where the Taliban had put them, and were put to work for the US forces as 'liasons'. And a mass planting operation took place such that 1 year after the invasion, Afghan opium production hit an all time high.

And... it's a convincing argument. It's certainly the only coherent argument for why we invaded Afghanistan that I've ever heard.

Jamey says

I'd like to extend my thanks to everyone who has reviewed Crossing The Rubicon, and to everyone who has read the book. And a special thanks to those who have done both.

Let me reply to a recent review by a Mr. Watson. "Already some of his witnesses are unravelling as in the case of Mike Vreeland." The sentence starts with the plural, but it really refers only to Vreeland -- whom the book describes as utterly unreliable EXCEPT in the special case of his 911 warning. Why? Because the warning was a physical document whose authenticity and pre-9/11 provenance have been attested by Vreeland's lawyers, court records submitted under oath, interviews with the attorneys, former Canadian federal prosecutors, and news media. At no point does Ruppert's use of Vreeland depend on the latter's personal credibility.

Then Watson refers to the exchange between a "Victor Thorn" of "Wing TV" and Mr. Ruppert. For a complete and accurate account of the matter, including Wing TV's questions and Mike Ruppert's answers, see Ruppert's website, page:

<http://www.fromthewilderness.com/10qu...>

Watson continues: "The improbability of such an event [9/11] being pulled off under the noses of every uninvolved government/military official is not discussed." It is discussed at length -- see pp. 2-4; 12-18; 103; 203-224; 291-306, et al.

"Ruppert asks us to believe that Bush/Cheney could pull 9/11 off with such precision and then fumble so publically with WMDs in trying to connect 9/11 with Saddam - which he states was their main reason for 9/11 - an excuse to grab the oil." Ruppert does not say any such thing. Nobody who had read this book could possibly come away with the view that the Iraq war was the "main reason" for 9/11.

"Plenty of dots, but not many connections. Indeed, given enough dots, one can connect any kind of picture one wants." Yes, and this applies to the official story (the conspiracy of 19 hijackers and the man in the Afghan cave), and to the 26-volume "Warren Report," and to every other text. The job of an investigator, like that of a lawyer or an historian, is to configure an accurate interpretation whose logic is more compelling than the others. This is achieved through a combination of sound evidence gathering and valid argumentation. Mr. Ruppert has produced both in abundance.

Doug says

Page 490: "Section 127 of Patriot II allows the Federal government to supercede all local statutes governing autopsies in terrorism investigations, which means literally that if a person died at the hands of an illegal federal investigation, the autopsy results could be commandeered to show a suicide or some other finding favorable to the government. This would also apply in cases of accidental death due to fatalities resulting from compulsory mass vaccinations. In such cases, instead of finding dangerous vaccines as the cause of death the federal government could instead blame terrorists."

Page 503: "The point of this chapter is that a population preoccupied with survival and the basic needs of life is less inclined to revolt. That is, of course, unless and until they perceive that they have nothing left to lose."

And the Empire has prepared for that too." This chapter is entitled Conquering The American People.

The following chapter is aptly titled Biological Warfare, and begins thus: "Sales of vaccines, once considered a commodity market, are booming with global revenues set to reach near \$10 billion in 2006 ... Analysts at Merrill Lynch said the fastest growing section of the market would be for flu vaccines, sales of which are expected to more than double to \$2 billion in the next five years. --Reuters, Jan. 7, 2003"

Sounding familiar?

Page 486: "Sen. Patrick Leahy asked Ashcroft by what authority he had decided -- on his own and without judicial review -- to nullify the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution. He asked for an explanation and some description of the procedural safeguards that Ashcroft would put in place. He asked Ashcroft to appear before the Judiciary Committee and to respond in writing by November 13. His answer came a little too late. On November 16, Patrick Leahy received an anthrax letter."

Don't believe yet that evil exists today within our own body politic? That it's only 'historical' or far away? Read more here.

Tony says

This book has changed the way I see our government. I have a friend who read this in 2004 and I thought he went off "the deep end." While reading Ruppert's suspicious allegations, I found myself cross-referencing everything he purported to prove he was another radical. However, all his sources check out and I've converted to conspiracy theorist. Our government is not innocent and it does not have our best interests in mind when they legislate, or simply do whatever they want...

Roger Tribble says

Michael Ruppert makes a frightening perspective on the future and how we are so wildly manipulated and misinformed -- through government and quasey governmental agencies. An important read -- and more realistic and believable than I would hope things are. Vastly entriuguiging, fascinating and scary read.

Rachael L. says

I have to say, I felt like I had to be a member of "The Lone Gunmen" from the X-Files to follow what he heck was going on in Crossing The Rubicon. I worked for a defense contractor so I knew all about the Bush era BS and that is why was I eager to read this. (You know re-affirmation and all that.) I was also, at the time of reading this, a believer in PeakOil -I have since changed my view on the topic. I'm not quite sure that this book is really worth the massive amount of time it took to read other than the secondary sources he sites. I think Michael Ruppert is a smart man. I think he believes what he says. I think that a person already fully on board with the "Life Sucks and Then You Die" philosophy will really enjoy this.

Aaron says

An absorbing book. Not without its flaws. However, Ruppert manages to dredge up tons of stuff that I, and many other Americans, I suspect, forgot about 9/11 and the events preceding it. Taking the approach of a homicide detective (Ruppert is, in fact, a former LAPD detective), he seeks to establish, at the very least, criminal negligence on the part of the U.S. government in failing to protect Americans on 9/11 (i.e., not shooting down planes when officials had the time, skill and policy framework under which to do it), and, at the very most, outright criminal conspiracy to enable the terror attacks to occur. It's a sprawling book. It does a good job of connecting a lot of dots. And while I don't think the book proves a conspiracy, I certainly think it goes a long way in presenting a lot of evidence to suggest it.

Timothy Scott says

This, along with 1984, was one of those texts that makes you critically think about the world around you. It's quite long, and some chapters fall flat in context to the core of the story which revolves around oil, our financial system, and 9/11. At the very least, CTR should make you question the official account of 9/11 and in particular, the 9/11 Commission Report, which for all intents and purposes, is an inaccurate representation of events that relied on third-hand testimony, including terrorists who were tortured to get the information that was used for the commission.

This was also written years prior to the 2008 financial crash, and when reading in retrospect, it's clear that Michael Ruppert had enough information to warn readers of the impending crisis. The only fact he really got wrong was the **amount** of money he thought was at risk. It was far, far, greater than even he imagined.

It's still a relevant and informational read, minus a handful of chapters. The depth and breadth of government malfeasance did not stop after this book was written in 2004, nor did it stop in 2008, and it hasn't stopped in 2013. In fact, one could argue that the corrupt government that existed when Michael was writing about it has become even greater today due to the 2008 financial crisis.

I followed Michael's blog, From the Wilderness, for quite awhile. Michael himself is an alarmist, and constantly seems on edge. Sometimes his posts would make you believe you need to go buy iodine in preparation for nuclear war. I say this, however, without negative connotations. If even 25% of what Michael espouses is true, he (and we) have every right to be as agitated and immediate as he has been.

If you're more comfortable with a media-based belief system, then avoid this book. Accept what the news tells you, and what the government tells you. Don't ever ask questions. But if you want to be challenged, and to critically think, I highly recommend you dive into Crossing the Rubicon with an open mind. Like 1984, I came out of this book with a completely different mindset. It certainly changed the way I view any government report or statistic, and question anything they do. Exhausting? Yes. But knowledge can do that to you.

Brian says

This is the scariest thing I've ever read.

Elliott says

The redeeming aspects of this book is its exploration of just how ubiquitous petroleum products are in our civilization, and how that fact makes it much more terrifying that we're veering so close to its total consumption. It also makes an excellent case that the United States government is more akin to the corporate state of Mussolini and fascism in general than it is to representative democracy. Though this is an older book (published in 2004) and not quite current current events, the rampant militarism, full fledged assault on labor and reproductive rights, rolling back of social programs in favor of corporate welfare, and the limiting of the 1st Amendment makes me feel that perhaps portions of this book should have been listened to. On the other hand as much as I despise-absolutely despise the Bush dynasty, Cheney, Rice, Rumsfeld, Ashcroft, Rove and the rest of the Neo-Con hit parade I cannot believe that any of them helped plan, much less orchestrate the September 11th attacks. The most I am willing to even humor as a possibility-a very slim one in my head mind you-is that perhaps some among them knew and let them happen-but once again I don't really even believe that. After all, remember that this same crew actually did orchestrate two wars in Iraq and Afghanistan which quite frankly didn't exactly end Mission Accomplished. They did exploit 9/11 politically, and then tossed it aside once it had served its purpose for their ends. This alone is despicable. My other complaint is how Ruppert continues to peddle the thoroughly debunked 'FDR knew about Pearl Harbor' conspiracy (which he didn't), and which still pisses me off every time someone continues to spread it.

Mary Ficalora says

Michael Ruppert was fully conscious that 9/11 was aided and abetted by insiders in our government on the day the towers went down. His work tracking corruption in our government since the 1970's put him in a position to track all the inside workings needed to present a jury ready case against the Bush administration. This book is a must read. If the United States has any hope of returning to it's original Constitutional Government, the people have to know what is really happening. Ruppert knows how the corruption works and he has laid out just how low our leaders will go to maintain the cash cow our Nation has become to them. Buy a copy of this book for everyone you know.

Szplug says

9-11 conspiracy combined with Peak-Oil theory and defense computer analysis—peddled by an ex-cop with alleged insider information on governmental drug-running, corruption, and cover-ups—all pointing towards massive Bush administration (née Cheney) complicity in the events of that terrible, nation-altering day. Fascinating and furious, but frustrating and faulty and in *desperate* need of a ruthless editor. I can only take Ruppert's meandering, information-overloaded style for so long, and then I need a break; furthermore, though he has dug up and/or pieced together evidence of events and tactics that, if true, are, at the very least, highly suspicious, he is never content to let these finds speak for themselves, but must belabor the point, spiraling ever wider into increasingly fantastic allegations and clandestine operations that beggar the imagination—and belie every example I've yet encountered of the US government's ability to pull-off such complex skullduggery. Furthermore, his accusations hinge upon a motive that was soundly undercut by the election of President Obama in 2008, and a *POT* that has already proven to be less severe than was required for his bloated edifice to pass the most important smell test. Ruppert really pulled some staggering theories out of his prolix chaff, but within the next several years—at the latest—I'd not be surprised to find much of his finger-pointing to have been obviated.

Travis Kirk says

This is the best book that I have read on the subject of 911. His research is footnoted constantly, and it's a thrill ride from beginning to end.

In addition to 911, the book covers the CIA's involvement in the drug trade, and a nice piece about a little known software program called "Promise".

As for the "end of Oil", I have found other sources that contend that this is intentional misinformation by the Oil companies of the world to keep prices high. (I don't know who to believe on this one, as it is hard for me to verify myself.)

It's a long book. But it was an incredible read.

Mike says

Forget about the grainy captured-from-TV video clips you've squinted at on various web sites. Michael Ruppert uses concrete evidence --press releases, news stories, interviews, official documents-- to make his case against the perpetrators of the September 11 attacks. He lays the book out in the form of a court case, having sections for motive, means and opportunity. At the end, he ties it all together with his summation, which ties together nicely the information that precedes it.

The book is thick, at 600 pages plus appendices. And it is dense. I don't think I've read another book that presented so much information. It's not a happy story, by any means. But if you want to understand how Peak Oil is affecting world events, and who was behind the events of September 11, and more importantly *why* those attacks happened, I highly recommend this book.
