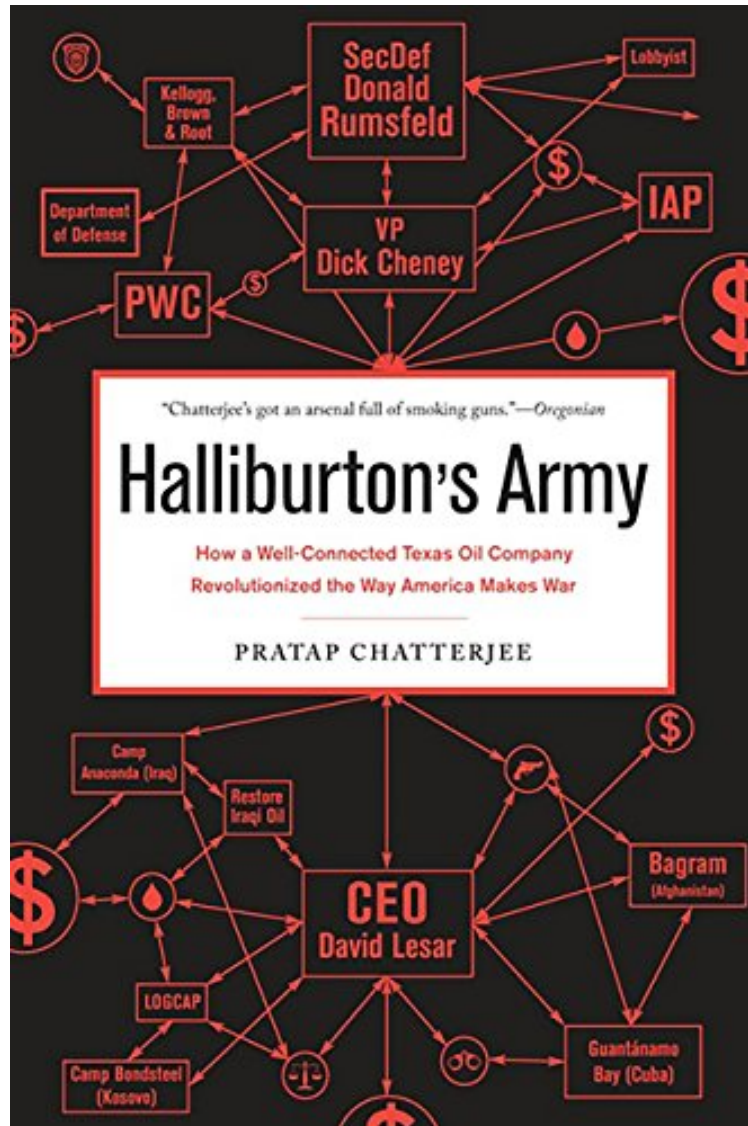


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imagined.....Halliburton, that is. But then, that's what greedy guys do, right? However, their expertise in doing what they do is unbeatable. Yes, money talks.....some things never change. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. LBJ started it all-He took cash!By LyciansI first heard about Brown and Root nearly 30 years ago when I took a Texas history course at the University of Texas. The relationship between LBJ and BR was well known then, long before the Dubya Bush administration, Cheney's CEO time, and the rip-off that no bid and cost-plus contracts cost the government. The interviews by the author and the congressional hearings were especially insightful and chilling in that people died because of the mis-management of the Halliburton-KBR people in Iraq. The military officers who were in on the kickbacks and who later worked for HKBR were not unknown to me, however, I was not privy to the details that the author provides. Along with his extensive bibliography, the author makes compelling arguments for shutting these criminals down. A must read if you want to understand why the US military budget is more than the combined total of the next 15 countries of the world. HKBR is just one example of why. Eisenhower warned the United States about the military-industrial complex, which now seems to rule the government rather than the other way round.

Halliburton's Army is the first book to show, in shocking detail, how Halliburton really does business, in Iraq, and around the world. From its vital role as the logistical backbone of the U.S. occupation in Iraq to its role in covering up gang-rape amongst its personnel in Baghdad, Halliburton's Army is a devastating bestiary of corporate malfeasance and political cronyism. Pratap Chatterjee, one of the world's leading authorities on corporate crime, fraud, and corruption, shows how Halliburton won and then lost its contracts in Iraq, what Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld did for it, and who the company paid off in the U.S. Congress. He brings us inside the Pentagon meetings, where Cheney and Rumsfeld made the decision to send Halliburton to Iraq, as well as many other hot-spots, including Somalia, Yugoslavia, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Guantanamo Bay, and, most recently, New Orleans. He travels to Dubai, where Halliburton has recently moved its headquarters, and exposes the company's freewheeling ways: executives leading the high life, bribes, graft, skimming, offshore subsidiaries, and the whole arsenal of fraud. Finally, Chatterjee reveals the human costs of the privatization of American military affairs, which is sustained almost entirely by low-paid unskilled Third World workers who work in incredibly dangerous conditions without any labor protection. Halliburton's Army is a hair-raising expose of one of the world's most lethal corporations, essential reading for anyone concerned about the nexus of private companies, government, and war.

From Publishers Weekly Chatterjee (Iraq Inc.) delves into the nebulous world of the Houston-based Halliburton corporation, tracing the company to its roots, when a fortuitous meeting with a young Lyndon Baines Johnson propelled the Brown and Root Company (which later merged with Halliburton) into Washington power politics. The author details the military contracting that largely funded the company through WWII and into the present-day war in Iraq, intertwining the company's history with the biographies of Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld and other officials in the Bush administration. Chatterjee provides a laundry list of abuses for which the company has been investigated, including inflated billing of the Pentagon, providing unsafe living conditions for U.S. soldiers, labor exploitation and coverups to avoid congressional inquiry. He concludes with a look at the whistleblowers that brought these scandals into the public eye and the repercussions of the eventual congressional investigation. Chatterjee keeps the pace of the narrative at a quick clip and nimbly marshals his extensive evidence to reveal, without sanctimony or stridency, Halliburton's record of corruption, political manipulation and human rights abuses. (Feb.) Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "A sordid tale of politics and profiteering, courtesy of the Bush administration and a compliant military... A report that deserves many readers, about many matters that deserve many indictments." -Kirkus "In a calm and measured but insistent voice, Chatterjee charts the pattern of wrongdoing built into KBR from its origins in the late Thirties... If the dust finally does settle over Iraq, while moving onto Afghanistan, the new secretary of state may well find many more questions to ask about the company's conduct in recent years. President Obama's track record suggests that her boss too will be wanting some answers. Anyone reading this important book will be demanding answers too." -The Telegraph About the Author Pratap Chatterjee is an investigative journalist and producer and the program, director/managing editor of Corpwatch. He is the author of Iraq Inc.: A Profitable Occupation and The Earth Brokers. He hosted a weekly radio show on Berkeley station KPFA, was a global environment editor for InterPress Service, and wrote for the Financial Times, the Guardian, and the Independent of London. He has won five Project Censored awards as well as a Silver Reel from the National Federation of Community Broadcasters for his work in Afghanistan, and the best business story award from the National Newspaper Association (U.S.), among others. He has appeared as a commentator on numerous radio and television shows ranging from BBC World Service, CNN International, Democracy Now!, Fox, and MSNBC. The winner of a Lannan Cultural Freedom Award in 2006, he lives in Oakland, California.