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## **Powering Forward: What Every American Should Know About the Energy Revolution**

## Bill Ritter Jr.

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In these divisive political times, a nonpartisan book like this one shines with unusual genuinity and earnestness. Reaching across political lines to outline the need for transition to sustainable fuel, former Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter, Jr. makes a compelling case for climate-conscious legislation, especially at the state level. This treatment of such a delicate and explosive issue is nothing short of impressive: this is a book about climate change that could actually change minds. Between the solid research, the lack of political divisiveness, and the author's dedication to the idea of American leadership in climate change, the book rings with enthusiasm of an infectious variety.

Beginning with a summary of Ritter's climate-oriented actions during his time as governor, the book rapidly transitions into the structure of a classic argument in favor of revised alternative energy legislation. At points, it presents popular rationalizations opposed to action taken in response to climate change, only to then deconstruct them and offer alternatives. This, combined with a clear and readable style, help make the book fly by.

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