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The sudden arrival of great wealth in underdeveloped areas when valuable mineral resources are discovered poses considerable problems for policy-makers. Dr Al-Kuwari examines precisely how four governments — those of Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Qatar — decided to use the wealth they received from exploitation of their petroleum deposits and assesses the impact of their decisions on their countries' development.

Dr Al-Kuwari had access to previously unpublished government documents while carrying out the research for this book and is therefore able to present for the first time detailed and accurate figures on the size and distribution of the Gulf oil revenues. As a resident of the area he knows the aspirations and fears of the people of the emirates and has examined governmental success in dealing with those aspirations and fears. His book will be valuable to everyone concerned with policies for economic development as well as people interested in the history of the Gulf and the politics of oil.

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