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His book explores the intricate relationship between public opinion and energy issues. It sheds light on how much the public understands about energy policy, what the public wants officials to do about our energy problems, and how governments at various levels are likely to come to grips with energy shortages in the future.

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