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Praise for *Frackopoly*:

"[M]eticulously researched...a page-turner. Hauter describes what could be metaphorically portrayed as a pit of fornicating vipers -- and fracking is their progeny. If Hauter had written this as a novel using the same characters, countries and global intrigue, it would quickly become an international bestseller and a miniseries would soon follow. She describes bigger-than-life captains of industry and colorful small-time scoundrels who play the system for their own gain. There are secret meetings and global conspiracies. There are also compelling tales of 'the little guy' fighting in the face of overwhelming odds."

—*National Catholic Reporter*

"Hauter delivers a passionate history and critique of the energy industry, from Standard Oil to Enron ... [A] journalistic exposé of fracking outrages in which aggressive entrepreneurs in pursuit of profits wreak havoc on the land and poison the water."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

"A truly powerful manifesto about one of the greatest environmental fights on our planet today—from one of its greatest champions!"

—Bill McKibben, environmentalist and author of *Oil and Honey*

"Real life anti-fracking superhero Wenonah Hauter delivers the definitive story on how big oil and gas corporations captured our political system and schemed to frack America—and the growing grassroots movement to retake our democracy and protect our planet."

—Mark Ruffalo, actor, director, and advisory board member of Americans Against Fracking

"Even though I have lived every chapter of this book, from beginning to end, I couldn't, as a reader, put it down. What makes *Frackopoly* so riveting is not the economic evidence, public health data, and the political analysis—although that's all here, too—but the brilliance of the author as the teller of this tragic-yet-hopeful tale. Wenonah Hauter is that rare narrator—a gifted writer and an environmental leader with a box seat in the public arena. A must-read for all who care about climate change, democracy, clean water, breathable air, and energy policy. Which is to say, all of us. Read this book and let your eyes be opened to the hoodwinking of America by the fracking industry."

—Sandra Steingraber, biologist and author of *Living Downstream: An Ecologist's Personal Investigation of Cancer and the Environment*

"At this critical juncture in human history, *Frackopoly* is a must-read. Rich in history and science, it allows us to understand how we've got to this point and gives us the courage to continue the fight. Wenonah Hauter and Food & Water Watch were essential in legitimizing the call to 'ban fracking' across the United States. Her book is a powerful account of that vital necessary struggle and where we have to go from here."

—Josh Fox, director of *Gasland* and *How to Let Go of the World (and Love All the Things Climate Can't Change)*

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"Excellent."

—Mark Bittman, *The New York Times*

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About the Author

Wenonah Hauter is the executive director of Food & Water Watch, a D.C.-based watchdog organization focused on corporate and government accountability relating to food, water, and fishing. She has worked and written extensively on food, water, energy, and environmental issues at the national, state, and local levels. She owns a working farm in The Plains, Virginia.

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