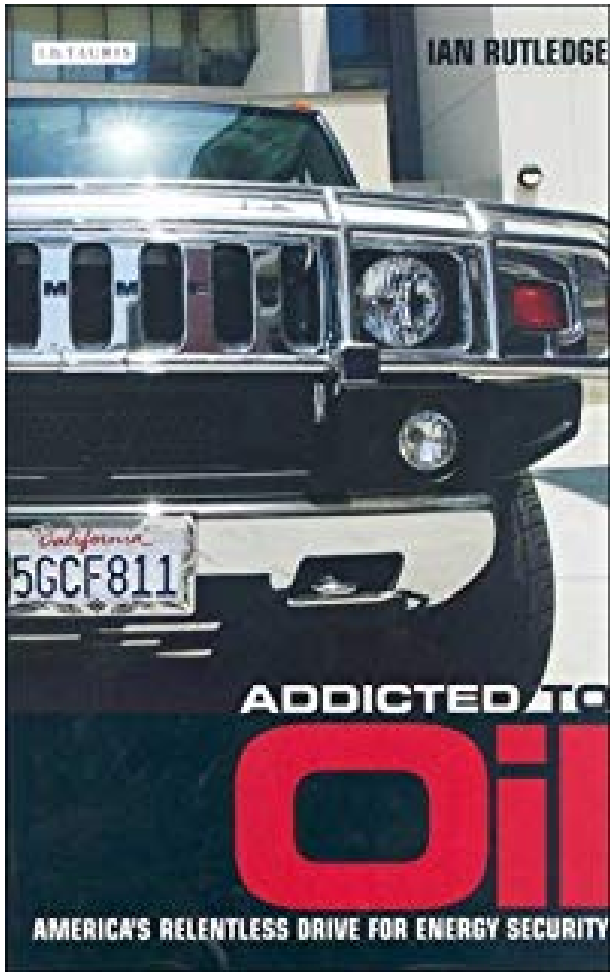


# Addicted to Oil: America's Relentless Drive for Energy Security



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