

Additional Reading on Energy and Resource Consumption

- *The End of Oil* – Paul Roberts (2004) A great overview.
As a technical and business writer, Roberts covers the range of topics that affect us as we approach and pass peak oil for the world.
- *Beyond Oil: The View from Hubbert's Peak* – Kenneth Deffeyes (2005)
A petroleum engineer explains Hubbert's Peak for oil production and outlines a path forward with reduced oil availability.
- *Twilight in the Desert: The Coming Saudi Oil Shock and the World Economy* – Mathew Simmons (2005). Simmons is an investment banker specializing in energy. He lives in Houston and has visited Saudi Arabia many times. His book explains why the aging Saudi oil fields are at or near peak.
- *The Hype About Hydrogen* – Joseph Romm (2005)
As a past Undersecretary of Energy, Romm speaks to the many overlooked deficiencies of hydrogen as a fuel. (It is an energy carrier, not a source.) He argues that hydrogen is very long term solution – at best.
- *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed* - Jared Diamond (2005)
Pulitzer Prize winning (*Guns, Germs, and Steel*) author Diamond, analyzes societies' patterns of consumption with population expansion. Some transition into sustainable societies – some don't. He draws parallels with today's world society.
- *The Population Bomb* – Paul Erlich (1968) A modern-day Malthus with a warning on unlimited population growth. Human population reached its 1st billion in the world around 1803, soon after Malthus issued his warning; above 3.5 billion when Erlich's book was written; above 6.5 billion now – and still ticking.
- "Thoughts on Long-Term Energy Supplies: Scientists and the Silent Lie", *Physics Today*, (July, 2004). An article urging scientists to speak up more on what they know about population, energy and limits to expansion.
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