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# Oil Spill! (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science)



## Synopsis

Did you know that an oil spill occurs somewhere in the world almost every day of the year? Oil spills can have many different causes, but the result is the same. Oil harms plants and wildlife that make the oceans and coastlines their home. Scientists are learning the best ways to combat oil spills. Learn how you can help, too!

## Book Information

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Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

## Customer Reviews

Ages 5-8. Beginning with the events and effects of the Exxon Valdez disaster, Berger introduces children to the causes of oil spills, the ecological damage they cause, and the ideas and technologies developed to deal with them. Although the text is simple and clear, it's sometimes choppy: "Chemicals make the oil less harmful. But they add poisons to the water." Does cutting the sentence in two and treating the subordinate clause like a sentence really make it easier to read? Subtle in texture and deep in tone, the colorful artwork effectively illustrates marine animals and oil tankers; there are also diagrams of cleanup operations, maps, and fanciful ideas (the "1,000 big swimming pools" that could be filled with oil spilled from the Exxon Valdez). The book ends with suggestions for preventing oil spills, from conserving energy at home to writing letters to members

of Congress requesting better oil transport legislation. From the Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science series, a good introduction to the subject. See Lauber, below, for another series title. Carolyn Phelan

Melvin Berger is the author of many classic LRFOs, including *Germes Make Me Sick!*, *Oil Spills!* and *Why I Cough, Sneeze, Shiver, Hiccup, and Yawn*, as well as other nonfiction on the Harper backlist. He lives in East Hampton, NY. Roma Gans is an expert in early childhood education, professor emeritus of Teachers College, Columbia University, and co-founder and editor of the Let's-Read-and-Find-Out-Science series. Dr. Gans lives in West Redding, Connecticut. Paul Mirocha has illustrated several books for children, including Melvin Berger's Let's-Read-and-Find-Out-Science Book, *Oil Spill!* Mr. Mirocha lives in Tucson, Arizona.

I am a third grade teacher and the book "Oil Spill" was a fantastic addition to my Science hands on lesson on causes and effects of oil spills and on the environment and wildlife in America. I highly recommend it and the pictures and content are relevant for elementary age children.

Had to do an 8th grade report on the spill. I liked this book. Told me things the Internet did not. Great price on

All of the books I've ordered have been "above expectations" for the price I paid. Thanks for making them available!

great book

I loved it. Its well done and teaches children that they can take action to better the world.

my classmates/students really enjoyed tying the book into the science lessons

Product arrived as described. Would use seller again.

Great book for science class.

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