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How much would you pay for a gallon of gas? Would you pay with the health of your lungs or with years taken from your lifespan? The infamous "pain at the pump" runs much deeper than our wallets, argues Tamminen, former Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency. Petroleum may power our cars and heat our homes, but it also contributes to birth defects and disorders like asthma and emphysema, not to mention cancer. Here, Tamminen takes a hard look at these and other health, environmental, and national security costs hidden in every barrel of oil. While the petroleum industry is raking in huge profits, Tamminen shows, it is studiously avoiding measures that would lessen the hazards of its products. The choice is clear: continue paying with our health, or kick our addiction and evolve beyond an oil-dependent economy.--From publisher description

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