The tar sands have become a key front in the fight against climate change, and the fight for a better future, and it’s hard to overstate the importance of the struggles it has inspired.

~ Naomi Klein, Bill McKibben

Tar sands “development” comes with an enormous environmental and human cost. But tar sands opponents—fighting a powerful international industry—are likened to terrorists; government environmental scientists are muzzled; and public hearings are concealed and rushed.

Yet, despite the formidable political and economic power behind the tar sands, many opponents are actively building international networks of resistance, challenging pipeline plans while resisting threats to indigenous sovereignty, and democratic participation.

A Line in the Tar Sands brings the perspective of over three dozen prominent activists, scholars, and journalists to reflect on the ecological and social threats posed by the tar sands.

Contributors:
Praise for *A Line in the Tar Sands*

“Avoiding ‘game over for climate’ requires drawing a line in the tar sands sludge. *A Line in the Tar Sands* makes clear why and how this tar sands quagmire could be the beginning of the end for the mighty fossil fuel industry.”

~ Dr. James Hansen, NASA

“Read *A Line in the Tar Sands* and be heartbroken to learn the extent of the destruction of Mother Earth. Be inspired by the people working to stop the destruction.”

~ Debra White Plume, Moccasins on the Ground, Owe Aku International

“The most important stories in the tar sands struggle are hidden by the media. This revelatory book tells of Canadian duplicity, Chinese capital, migrant workers, healing ceremonies, movement reflection and strategy, EU lobbying, the contradictions of NGO politics, Indigenous activism, and much more. The story of Greenhouse Goo is global. But so is its resistance: beautiful, complex, and rich. *A Line in the Tar Sands* is drawn with hope and righteous anger, celebrating the cosmologies that the tar sands industry—and its politicians—would destroy.”

~ Raj Patel, author of *Stuffed and Starved*

“Opposition to the tar sands of Alberta and the pipelines that would carry their deadly crude has created one of the most potent civil society movements in our history. Led by grassroots and First Nations communities and fuelled by anger at the gutting of our freshwater heritage by the Harper government, this movement has the potential to change politics in Canada forever. Rich in detail and filled with hope, *A Line in the Tar Sands* tells the story of this movement and inspires a whole new generation to action.”

~ Maude Barlow, Council of Canadians

“A *Line in the Tar Sands* weaves a holistic story of the history of the tar sands, the growth of the environmental movement, and Indigenous peoples determined to stop this insidious development. It draws upon the science that warns society why the tar sands must be stopped and upon the philosophies of Indigenous peoples, whose teachings oblige us to defend the land and all living beings. This diversity of voices leads us to conclude that world leaders like Prime Minister Stephen Harper are colluding with corporations to defraud present and future generations of a healthy planet upon which to live.”

~ Katsi’tsakwas Ellen Gabriel, Indigenous Human Rights Activist, Turtle Clan from Kanehsatà:ke Mohawk Territory

“Tar sands are “the symbol and the thing” of all the pillars of the extractive economy—from finance capital to militarism—and the necessary assault on rights, sovereignty, and livelihood it requires. The antidote lies in the voices and visions of the diverse communities on the front lines of the fight. *A Line in the Tar Sands* elegantly connects migrant rights, human rights, rights of nature, indigenous sovereignty, and corporate concentration, and broadcasts a vision for ecological justice rooted in a healing movement of resistance, resilience, and restoration.”

~ Gopal Dayaneni, Movement Generation Justice and Ecology Project

“Alberta tar sands oil, if fully exploited, will add enough carbon dioxide to the earth’s atmosphere to break the planetary carbon budget, unleashing untold, irreversible, worldwide ecological destruction. A massive, diverse people’s movement has arisen in response, drawing “a line in the sand” before the fossil fuel juggernaut. *A Line in the Tar Sands* is the indispensable guide to this frontline struggle on behalf of humanity and the earth.”

~ John Bellamy Foster, co-author of *What Every Environmentalist Needs to Know about Capitalism*