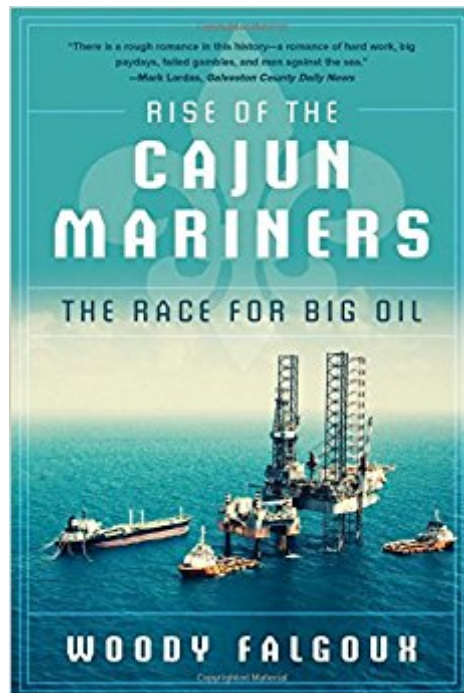




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Having lived through that era in the Bayou country building ships for some of the protagonists of the story, this book brought twenty years of my life into a very sharp focus. I only knew about half the players mentioned but heard many stories about the other half. The author's narrative holds up against both my personal experiences and what others told me. Congratulations to the author and his sources on a well told story that relates the pains and joys as well as accomplishments of a remarkable group of people.

I recommend this book to anyone. It's an indepth peek into the resilience and enduring spirit of a Cajun. Tough times don't last tough people do.

This is a great book. I bought it for my husband as a gift. We both grew up in Lafourche parish and always heard bits and pieces about these companies. It's good to read the whole true story of these men and there companies.

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