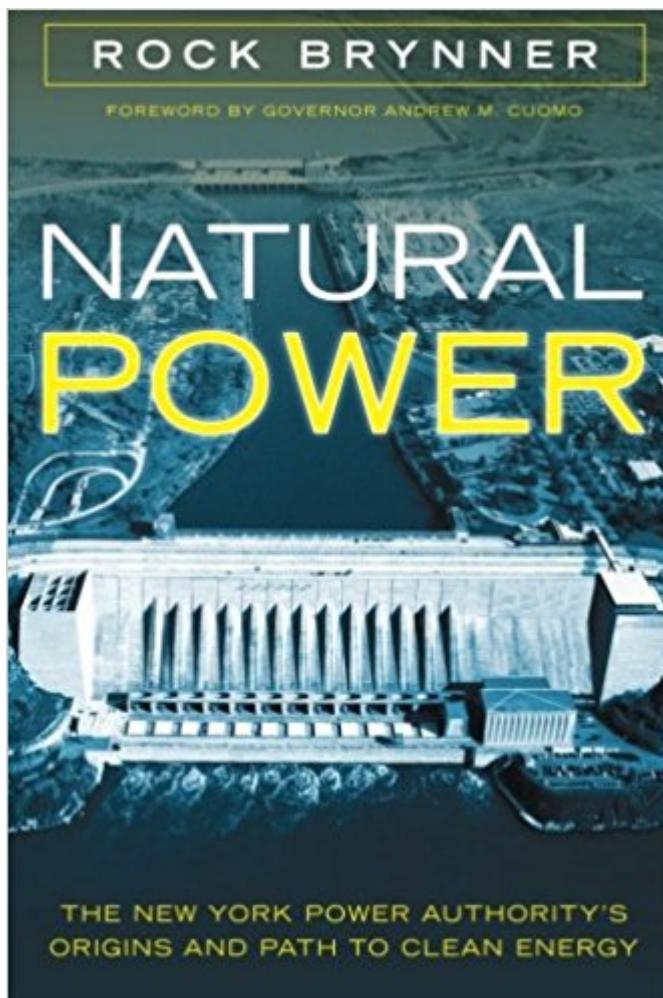


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# Natural Power: The New York Power Authority's Origins And Path To Clean Energy



## **Synopsis**

The late Governor of New York, Mario Cuomo, once said: "You almost never hear about the New York Power Authority, but you should. It would do us all a lot of good: you can see government at its very best." *Natural Power: The New York Power Authority's Origins and Path to Clean Energy* tells the story of the history, mission, and values of the Power Authority of the State of New York. Beginning with the birth of generated electricity in New York State, *Natural Power* emphasizes the role of inventors like Edison, Tesla, and Westinghouse; investors like J. P. Morgan; and government figures like Franklin D. Roosevelt and Dwight Eisenhower played in helping to spread electricity from a luxury to a necessity in America. At its core, the Power Authority played an essential role in establishing public power over the private sector and greatly influenced the development of power from natural resources. It created affordable, sustainable alternatives for citizens across the state with the construction of the Niagara Falls and St. Lawrence River power plants, and provided a template for the rest of the country to establish public power services. Today, this essential public service provides almost a quarter of New York State's power, dedicates much research and development to environmentally-friendly power sources, and consistently leads the vanguard of utilities in sustainability and modernization in the 21st century.

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Who knew public power had such history? Rock Brynner spent two years researching and writing this fact-packed narrative about the importance of public power in the development of New York State. Anyone interested in where the state's public resources came from, how inventors like Edison and Tesla fit into the picture, and the role of key figures such as Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower and master builder Robert Moses will appreciate Brynner's work. Given that the New York Power Authority isn't a very well-known entity, this book also takes a good look at the utility's role in generating clean hydropower and leading the development of an industry that launched technological change across the nation.

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