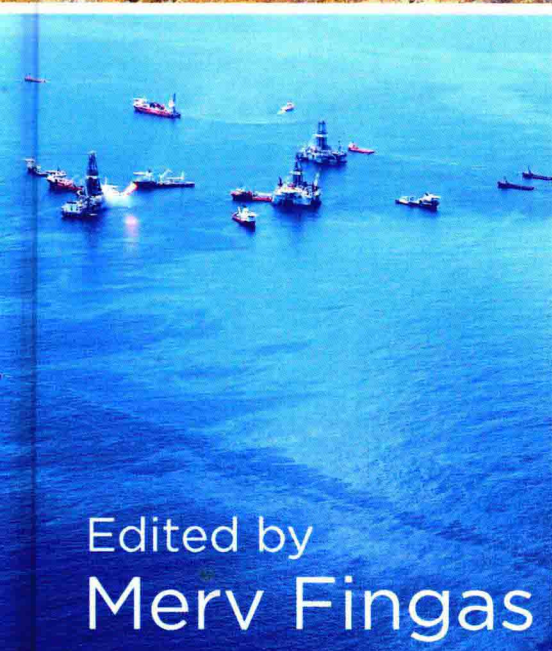


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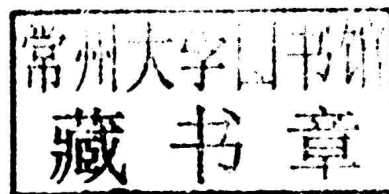
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PREFACE

Oil spill studies continue to evolve. While there are few books on the topic, there are regular conferences and symposia. This is the first scholarly book on the topic of oil spills. As such, this book focuses on providing material that is more scholarly and somewhat involved. While every attempt was made to include the essential material, there may be some gaps. The importance of many subtopics changes with time and current spill situations.

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