



A Letter From a Reader (via e-mail)

Dear Mr. Tamminen:

My name's Agueda Cardoso, a native of Brazil, a U.S. legal resident, and a lover of both countries.

Your book sheds light on a lot of questions and topics that I wondered about. I came to Los Angeles almost 9 years ago to study at UCLA, and I lived in Westwood. While walking around the area, I was very intrigued why the U.S. hadn't yet tried to replace petroleum for another source of energy.

After finishing my MBA last year, I had the opportunity to watch the movie *Syriana*. After that I read 2 books by Robert Baer, 'Sleeping with the devil', and 'See No Evil'. I also read 'Saudi Arabia Exposed' by John R. Bradley. Very good books as well but it was very painful to become acquainted with the truth.

I just wanted to 'Thank You' for writing "Lives per Gallon", even though it was painful to read the truths in it.

I am utterly choked at the political and economical ties that have bonded the U.S. and Saudi Arabia for so long. I find the topic rather scary. One can only hope that the U.S. will be able to switch from oil to a cleaner and more efficient energy source. A lot is at stake.

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