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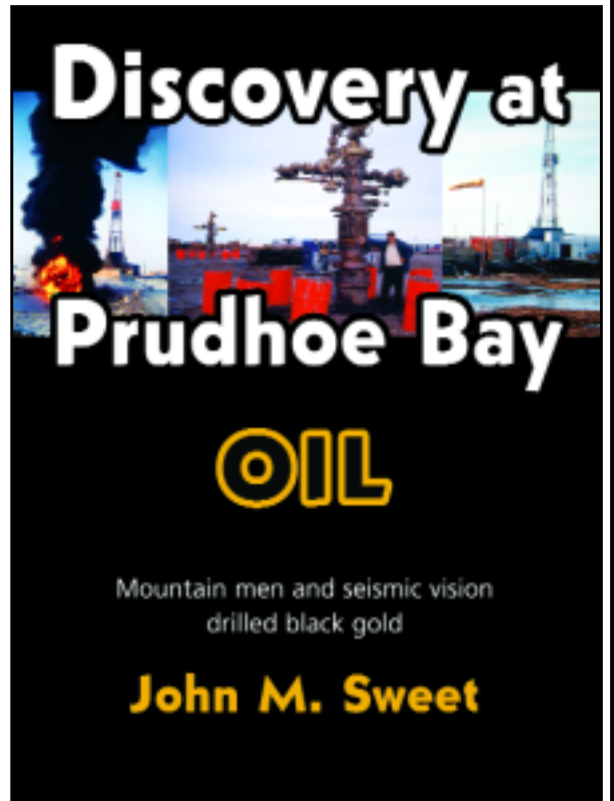
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Successes always look easy in retrospect.

At the end of WWII the Navy and US Geological Survey explored for, and found, noncommercial oil in Naval Petroleum Reserve Four on the North Slope of Alaska. By January 1, 1967, various oil companies had drilled eleven exploratory wells on good-looking prospects and the results were eleven dry holes. Discovery at Prudhoe Bay details the story surrounding the drilling of the twelfth well.

Adventure permeates the history of one of the most significant economic enterprises to occur in the twentieth century. Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO) and Humble Oil beat discouraging odds and expense to discover the largest subsurface accumulation of oil on the North American continent. Author John Sweet, a former ARCO geologist, recounts with clarity and accuracy the stories of the many individuals who made success possible and in the process celebrates a colossal oil exploration feat of finding a world class oil field and necessitating the construction which followed.



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John Sweet is a petroleum geologist with an MS from the University of Michigan (1950). He had a thirty-five year career with Atlantic Richfield Company, one-third of which was spent in Alaska. He began his career with a predecessor company, The Atlantic Refining Company, in Midland, Texas, and gradually worked his way north through New Mexico, Wyoming, Montana, Alberta and British Columbia, arriving in Anchorage, Alaska, February 8, 1962.



The day he and his family set foot on Alaskan soil, his life changed forever. He was district explorationist at the time of the discovery. Very few geologists ever get to be a part of a major oil discovery, much less a world-class oil field, but he did at ARCO, and it's this story that he shares in *Discovery at Prudhoe Bay*. The construction of this work was based upon many sources and years of research.

John Sweet has also written: *Developments in Alaska* - Published in the *Bulletin of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists* Vol. 48. No. 6 (June 1963) pp1035-1049. This is a summary of all the oil and gas exploration and development in Alaska for 1963.