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Random House Inc, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 15.88 x 22.86 cm. "Wind energy's time has arrived. Just as water-pumping windmills opened up the American West, a new generation of wind machines is fast propelling our nation toward a renewable energy future. Wind turbines with blades half the length of a football field are increasingly common sights, towering above Illinois corn fields and dotting the Kansas prairie. Farmers and ranchers are beginning to reap a stable source of income, rural Americans are finding new jobs, and the nation is starting to wean itself off the fossil fuels that pollute our air and unsettle the global climate. In this illuminating book, Philip Warburg reveals the remarkable growth of a breakthrough technology and the formidable challenges it faces. He visits epicenters of anti-wind opposition as well as communities that have embraced wind farms as neighbors. He guides readers through an Iowa turbine assembly plant that is struggling to compete in a global marketplace dominated by European and Chinese manufacturers. He looks at the thousands of miles that wind-generated power will need to travel to reach American consumers. The Obama administration has called for 80 percent of America's electricity to come from clean energy...



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