



Catastrophe & Culture: The Anthropology of Disaster

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SAR Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Catastrophe & Culture: The Anthropology of Disaster, Susanna M. Hoffman, Anthony Oliver-Smith, Gregory Button, Christopher L. Dyer, Virginia Garcia Acosta, At a time of increasing globalization and worldwide vulnerability, the study of disasters has become an important focus for anthropological research-one where the four fields of anthropology are synthesized to address the multidimensionality of the effects to a community's social structures and relationship to the environment. Using a variety of natural and technological disasters-including Mexican earthquakes, drought in the Andes and in Africa, the nuclear meltdown at Chernobyl, the Exxon Valdez oil spill, the Oakland firestorm, and the Bhopal gas disaster-the authors of this volume explore the potentials of disaster for ecological, political-economic, and cultural approaches to anthropology along with the perspectives of archaeology and history. They also discuss the connection between theory and practice and what anthropology can do for disaster management.



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