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**Sixty Seconds That Will Change the World** Peter Hadfield, 1995-03 Earthquake Protection Andrew Coburn, Robin Spence, 2003-02-21 Since the publication of the successful first edition of *Earthquake Protection* there have been 110 lethal earthquakes killing 130 000 people there have also been significant developments in the field of earthquake risk management particularly in the modelling and analysis of risk for insurance and financial services Furthermore major earthquake disasters such as the 1994 Northridge earthquake in California the 1995 Kobe earthquake in Japan and the 1999 Kocaeli earthquake in Turkey have occurred The experience and knowledge gained through these events have improved our understanding of how to manage mitigate and work towards the prevention of similar catastrophes The 1990s were in fact the costliest decade on record in terms of disaster management due to such seismic events placing unprecedented pressure on the insurance industry in particular and changing its view of earthquake protection Significantly revised and updated this second edition continues to provide a comprehensive overview of how to reduce the impact of earthquakes on people and property and implement best practice in managing the consequences of such disasters It also includes significant coverage of the techniques of modelling earthquake catastrophe Each chapter deals with a separate aspect of protection and covers a wide range of economic and social conditions drawing on the authors considerable personal experience and with reference to real life examples Key features include Recent event coverage Modern developments in the theory and practice of planning and engineering loss estimation techniques along with new engineering techniques such as microzonation and hazard mapping Historic buildings experience An entirely new chapter on Earthquakes and Finance This valuable book provides essential reading for earthquake and structural engineers and geoscientists as well as insurers and loss prevention specialists risk managers and assessors involved in managing earthquake risk urban and regional planners and emergency management agencies

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Earthquake Andrew Robinson,2013-02-15 The 2011 devastating tsunami triggering quake off the coast of Japan and 2010 s horrifying destruction in Haiti reinforce the fact that large cities in every continent are at risk from earthquakes Quakes threaten Los Angeles Beijing Cairo Delhi Singapore and many more cities and despite advances in earthquake science and engineering and improved disaster preparedness by governments and international aid agencies they continue to cause immense loss of life and property damage Earthquake explores the occurrence of major earthquakes around the world their effects on the societies where they strike and the other catastrophes they cause from landslides and fires to floods and tsunamis Examining the science involved in measuring and explaining earthquakes Andrew Robinson looks at our attempts to design against their consequences and the possibility of having the ability to predict them one day Robinson also delves into

the ways nations have mythologized earthquakes through religion and the arts Norse mythology explained earthquakes as the violent struggling of the god Loki as he was punished for murdering another god the ancient Greeks believed Poseidon caused earthquakes whenever he was in a bad mood or wanted to punish people and Japanese mythology states that Namazu a giant catfish triggers quakes when he thrashes around He discusses the portrayal of earthquakes in popular culture where authors and filmmakers often use the memory of cities laid to waste such as Kobe Japan in 1995 or San Francisco in 1906 or imagine the hypothetical Big One the earthquake expected someday out of California s San Andreas Fault With tremors happening in seemingly implausible places like Chicago and Washington DC Earthquake is a timely book that will enrich earthquake scholarship and enlighten anyone interested in these ruinous natural disasters Resilience and Urban Risk Management Damien Serre, Bruno Barroca, Richard Laganier, 2012-10-08 Resilience and Urban Risk Management presents the latest progress made in designing resilient towns and identifies leads to be explored for attaining the objective of systematically integrating risks into urban environments The aim of the book is to provide guidance in designing and planning future cities and to create a new form of risk management **Tokyo** Louis G. Perez, 2019-09-19 This indispensable one volume narrative examines the history culture environment economy politics future and more of the city of Tokyo Japan s political and cultural capital Tokyo has endured and moved beyond horrible disasters in the 20th century first an earthquake in 1923 and later the events that unfolded during World War II to grow into one of the most populated cities in the world This volume examines Tokyo s history politics culture and more Narrative chapters cover a wide breadth of topics including Tokyo s location and geography peoples history politics economy environmental issues and sustainability initiatives local crime and violence security issues natural hazards and emergency management culture and lifestyle pop culture and the future Inset boxes entitled Life in the City include interviews with those who have lived in Tokyo as well as those who have traveled to the city allowing readers to get a better idea of what daily life is like in this global megacity A chronology sidebars and bibliography complete the text The perfect one stop resource for high school and undergraduate students this volume is also suited to general readers interested in learning more about Tokyo and its role as a global city Reconstructing Kobe David W. Edgington, 2011-01-01 Six thousand people died and hundreds of thousands lost their homes when an earthquake hit Kobe in January 1995 The Hanshin Earthquake was the largest disaster to affect postwar Japan and one of the most destructive postwar natural disasters to strike a developed country Although the media focused on the disaster s immediate effects the long term reconstruction efforts have gone largely unexplored Based on fieldwork and interviews with planners activists and bureaucrats Reconstructing Kobe records the first ten years of reconstruction and recovery and offers detailed descriptions of the geography of crisis and opportunity Which districts were most vulnerable to the quake and why Did planners successfully exploit opportunities to revitalize the city and make it more sustainable and disaster proof David Edgington s intricate investigation of one of the largest redevelopments in recent history offers a compelling post disaster case study for

planners and policy makers and is essential reading for students and scholars of Japanese urban and planning history

**Historical Dictionary of Tokyo** Roman Cybriwsky, 2011-02-18 Tokyo is Japan's largest city and its capital. It is also one of the largest cities in the world and a major center of global economic influence. The origins of human settlement in what is today Tokyo are lost in prehistory. The city started out quite modestly as a small castle town of Edo in 1457, then the center of the Tokugawa shogunate from 1603-1868, the rapidly modernizing and Westernizing capital of the nation during the Meiji Period 1868-1912, and the capital of a prosperous nation and growing empire thereafter. Tokyo was utterly devastated during World War II, but this was not the first time Tokyo had to start seemingly from new. Due to many fires and earthquakes, the city has constantly rebuilt itself, and today it outdoes all its previous emanations by far. The second edition of the *Historical Dictionary of Tokyo* is a much needed reference source on the city. This is done through a chronology, an introductory essay, an extensive bibliography, and over 600 cross-referenced dictionary entries on people, places, events, and other terminology about the city of Tokyo. This book is a must for anyone interested in Japan and Tokyo. *Illusions of Safety* Risa

Palm, 2019-04-03 This book is based upon work supported by the National Science Foundation under Grant Nos. CMS 9542154 and CMS 9316749. Any opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this material are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the National Science Foundation. We wish to acknowledge the collaboration of Professor Shinobu Kitayama of Kyoto University in sharing in the design of the study. Kitayama developed the application of the concepts drawn from cultural psychology to the specific research topic of earthquake hazards response. Conducted focus groups in Yaizu and Shimizu that resulted in the development of a cross-cultural questionnaire. Design was in charge of the survey execution in Japan and participated in every stage of the analysis of survey results. Professor Mayumi Karasawa of Shirayuri College in Tokyo coordinated the administration of the survey research in Japan. In Japan, an undergraduate Takahiko Masuda of Kyoto University managed the data analysis and coordination with the Oregon team. In Oregon, two graduate students in geography participated in the study design and execution: Tom Kochevar and Daphne Minton. **Earth-Shattering Events: Earthquakes, Nations, and Civilization** Andrew Robinson, 2016-10-11 A truly

welcome and refreshing study that puts earthquake impact on history into a proper perspective. Amos Nur, Emeritus Professor of Geophysics, Stanford University, California, and author of *Apocalypse Earthquakes*, *Archaeology and the Wrath of God*. Since antiquity, on every continent, human beings in search of attractive landscapes and economic prosperity have made a Faustian bargain with the risk of devastation by an earthquake. Today, around half of the world's largest cities, as many as sixty, lie in areas of major seismic activity. Many, such as Lisbon, Naples, San Francisco, Teheran, and Tokyo, have been severely damaged or destroyed by earthquakes in the past. But throughout history, starting with ancient Jericho, Rome, and Sparta, cities have proved to be extraordinarily resilient. Only one, Port Royal in the Caribbean, was abandoned after an earthquake. *Earth Shattering Events* seeks to understand exactly how humans and earthquakes have interacted, not only in the short term.

but also in the long perspective of history In some cases physical devastation has been followed by decline But in others the political and economic reverberations of earthquake disasters have presented opportunities for renewal After its wholesale destruction in 1906 San Francisco went on to flourish eventually giving birth to the high tech industrial area on the San Andreas fault known as Silicon Valley An earthquake in Caracas in 1812 triggered the creation of new nations in the liberation of South America from Spanish rule Another in Tangshan in 1976 catalysed the transformation of China into the world's second largest economy The growth of the scientific study of earthquakes is woven into this far reaching history It began with a series of earthquakes in England in 1750 Today seismologists can monitor the vibration of the planet second by second and the movement of tectonic plates millimeter by millimeter Yet even in the 21st century great earthquakes are still essentially acts of God striking with much less warning than volcanoes floods hurricanes and even tornadoes and tsunamis

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Walter G. Green, III, 2001 Originally written as a study guide to assist individuals preparing for the Certified Crisis Operations Manager examination this volume provides a reference manual for emergency managers on the organizational structures facilities and procedures used to manage disaster response operations The focus is on management of operations during the period immediately prior to disaster onset the event impact and the immediate post impact period Topics covered include the Incident Command System Command Posts Emergency Operations Center facilities and organization emergency plans and guidance documents information management interface procedures communications strategy and tactics decision processes risks and safety media relations documentation stress management and standards and ethics

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Stephen Mansfield, 2009-06-01 In this addition to Oxford s Cityscapes series Stephen Mansfield explores a city rich in diversity tracing its evolution from the founding of its massive stone citadel when it was known as Edo through the rise of a merchant class who transformed the town into a center for art to the emergence of modern Tokyo Mansfield traces a city of print masters Kabuki theater novelists and great architecture which has overcome many disasters from the 1923 earthquake through the fire bombings of World War II to the 1995 subway gas attacks

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Bill McGuire, 2024 First published as A guide to the end of the world 2002 First published as a Very short introduction as Global catastrophes in 2002 Second edition published in 2014 Title page verso

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Peter Hadfield, 1991 In the 1990s Tokyo will start to experience earthquakes culminating in a catastrophe on the scale of the 1923 tremor that killed 140 000 people This time however the effects of such an earthquake in Tokyo will be world wide The

collapse of Japan's industrial production will lead to a major world recession together with a dramatic fall in currency values and world GNPs

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The Journal of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan, 1997

**Uncertainty and Catastrophe Management** Akira Ishikawa, 2015-11-30 Natural disasters instability in the finance and banking sector widespread social protests and other crisis situations have increasingly become the focus of public attention With the growing visibility of such events accelerated by the rise and proliferation of social media the study of risk and crisis management in the Internet age is of vital importance Uncertainty and Catastrophe Management is a clear and comprehensive guide to a variety of crises and seeks to offer practical advice on how best to avoid them minimize loss and damage once they have occurred and how best to recover from these situations The book examines 104 cases that run the gamut from natural disasters such as the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami to social movements like the Ukrainian protests in 2013 from the Syrian Electronic Army's cyber attacks to the reputational damage to firms in the wake of a corporate scandal This book is a revised and expanded edition of Akira Ishikawa and Atsushi Tsujimoto's book Risk and Crisis Management 101 Cases and explores a number of recent events It draws on the expertise of the contributors to the volume to create a well rounded book that will benefit professionals academics and the general public alike In particular safety professionals public management professionals CEOs CIOs students and researchers will appreciate its pragmatic approach to dealing with and recovering from crises in the interest of long term survival and sustainability

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