

**From Earthquake Engineering to Nuclear Holocaust, via The Blessings of Disaster: The Lessons That Catastrophes Teach Us and Why Our Future Depends on It**

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The Blessings of Disaster draws on knowledge from multiple disciplines to illustrate how our civilization's future successes and failures in dealing with societal threats can be predicted by observing how we currently cope with and react to natural and technological disasters. Maybe most importantly, this entertaining and often counter-intuitive book shows how we can think in better ways about disasters, to strengthen and extend our existence as both individuals and as a species.