

There is No Such Thing as a Natural Disaster

Race, Class, and Hurricane Katrina

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There is No Such Thing as a Natural Disaster is the first comprehensive critical book on the catastrophic impact of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans. The disaster will go down in record as one of the worst in American history, not least because of the government's inept and cavalier response. But it's also a huge story for other reasons. The impact of the hurricane was uneven, and race and class were deeply implicated in the unevenness. It was not by accident that the poorest and blackest neighborhoods were the ones that were buried under water. Also, the response underscored the impoverishment of social policy -- or what passes for it -- in George W. Bush's America. Finally, New Orleans is not just any place -- it's a great American city with a rich history. What happened there can tell us a great deal about the state of urban and regional planning in contemporary America.

Chester Hartman and Gregory D. Squires have assembled two dozen critical scholars and activists who present a multifaceted portrait of the social implications of the disaster. And the disaster was primarily *social* in nature, as the title reminds us. The book covers the response to the disaster and the roles that race and class played, its impact on housing and redevelopment, the historical context of urban disasters in America and the future of economic development in the region. It offers a critical and comprehensive social portrait of one of the worst American catastrophes of our times.

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- Delineates the population groups - racial minorities, low-income communities, women, the elderly - who were most adversely affected by the storms.
- Examines the impact on key institutions in the region including public schools, health care providers, and private industry.
- Offers strategic guidance for key actors - government agencies, financial institutions, neighborhood organizations - in efforts to rebuild shattered communities.

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