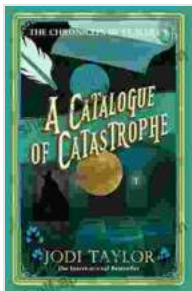


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The book's author, Dr. Sarah Kaplan, is a historian of science and technology. She argues that disasters are not simply natural events, but are also shaped by human decisions and actions. For example, the Great Fire of Chicago was caused by a combination of factors, including the city's wooden buildings, its lack of fire protection, and its high winds. The COVID-19 pandemic was caused by a novel virus, but its impact was also shaped

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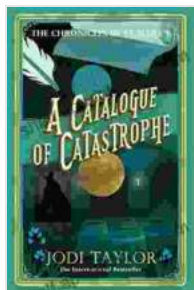
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Here are some of the key themes that emerge from Catalogue Of Catastrophe:

- **Disasters are not random events.** They are often the result of hidden social, political, and economic factors.
- **Disasters disproportionately impact marginalized communities.** These communities are often more vulnerable to disasters due to factors such as poverty, housing instability, and lack of access to healthcare.
- **Disaster response is often shaped by power dynamics.** Those with power and privilege are often able to access resources and services that are not available to those without power and privilege.
- **Disasters can be opportunities for change.** They can force us to rethink our priorities and to make changes that can make our communities more resilient to future disasters.

Catalogue Of Catastrophe is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the hidden histories of disasters and to learn how we can better prepare for, respond to, and recover from these events.

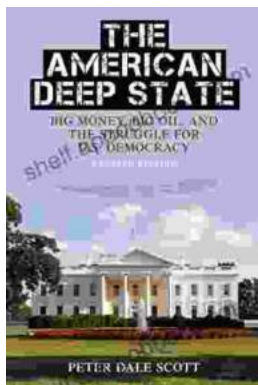
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