



# Community Resilience in Natural Disasters

Anouk Ride and Diane Bretherton

Told through the voices of local community leaders, this book analyzes how communities respond to natural disasters and how outsiders contribute positively—or negatively—to their response, promoting debate on the role of aid and the media in times of crisis.

"This book needs to be read by everyone interested in post-disaster/post-conflict recovery. It highlights the ways in which, in almost all disasters, it is the poor who tend to be the most vulnerable. Interestingly though, it is the poor and others who are afflicted who know how to mobilize themselves in response to such threats. . . . This book is a clarion call for more reliance on the solidarity, altruism and effectiveness of ordinary individuals in the face of natural disaster- or for that matter any kind of collective tragedy."  
 —Kevin P. Clements, Director of the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Otago, New Zealand

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