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Salem Press Announces the Third Edition of *Earth's Notable Natural Disasters*

Previously published in Salem Press's *Magill's Choice* series (2007), *Earth's Notable Natural Disasters* is updated and expanded, including such recent events as the earthquake in Nepal in 2015; the 2011 Fukushima earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster in Japan; and the Zika epidemic, which was recognized an official public health emergency of international concern by the World Health Organization (WHO) from February to November, 2016. While some books about disasters focus on the science, using events as examples but without providing detailed narrative descriptions of what happened and Disaster chronologies, on the other hand, describe events in varying degrees of detail, but generally do not offer a look at the underlying scientific principles and other general concerns, this book was conceived to address both aspects in an accessible manner that is scholarly rather than sensationalized. The three-volume set combines clearly explained scientific concepts with gripping narrative details about more than 100 significant disastrous events from history.

This new edition combines clearly-explained scientific concepts with gripping narrative details about some of the worst disasters in history. Updated through 2016, it provides scientific and narrative analysis on events caused, at least in part, by uncontrollable forces of nature. Disasters covered include Avalanches, Blizzards, Droughts, Dust & Sand Storms, Earthquakes, El Nino, Epidemics, Explosions, Famines, Fires, Floods, Fog, Heat Waves, Hurricanes, Icebergs, Landslides, Lightning Strikes, Meteorites, Smog, Tornadoes, Tsunamis, Volcanic Eruptions, and Wind Gusts.

Volume One is made up of more than 20 Overviews of significant natural disasters which include a scientific explanation, opening with a few sentences that define the natural phenomena and its importance. This is followed by the factors involved (animals, chemical reactions, geography, geological forces, gravitational forces, human activity, ice, microorganisms, plants, rain, snow, temperature, weather conditions, wind) and the regions affected (cities, coasts, deserts, forests, islands, lakes, mountains, oceans, plains, rivers, towns, valleys). Natural disasters include: **Avalanches, Droughts, Epidemics, Fires, Floods, Hurricanes, Landslides, Meteorites, Tornadoes, Typhoons, Volcanic Eruptions, and much more.**

Each Overview includes the following features: a **Science** section, which explains the science behind the event in general terms; **Geography**, which gives the names and descriptions of

continents, countries, and regions where the events occur; **Prevention and Preparations**, which describes measures to prevent and predict disasters to avoid or minimize loss; **Rescue and Relief Efforts**, detailing the aftermath of disasters, particular challenges faced by rescue workers, and how to find and treat victims; **Impact**, which describes the typical short and long term effects on humans, animals, property, and the environment; a **Historical Overview**, outlining a broad sense of the disaster category beginning with first recorded instances, offering highlights of notable events up to the present day; and **Milestones**, including a table of major events such as significant disasters, relevant scientific discoveries, programs and organizations, and classification systems.

Volumes 2 and 3 include 163 entries on earth's notable disasters. The narrative-style essays offer facts, figures, and interesting stories. Events were chosen based on loss of life, widespread destruction, and interesting circumstances. They range in time from 65,000,000 B.C.E. to 2016 and cover five continents. Each entry begins with a summary of basic information, including the year and a general description of location or the popular designation for the disaster. Each entry then provides readers with an account of the disaster that includes broad scientific and historical facts and narrative details. The entries end with a list of books, chapters, magazines, or newspapers that readers can seek out for further information on that particular event.

Additional supplementary materials include a **Glossary** which defines all essential meteorological and geological terms, a **Timeline**, a **Bibliography**, a **List of Organizations and Agencies** to provide information about significant warning and relief efforts, a **Category List** which breaks events into types, a **Geographical List**, and **Subject Index**.

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Notable Natural Disasters is available online at no additional cost to buyers of the print volume through Salem's online platform. A single purchase of the printed copy is all it takes to gain access to this important title online.

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