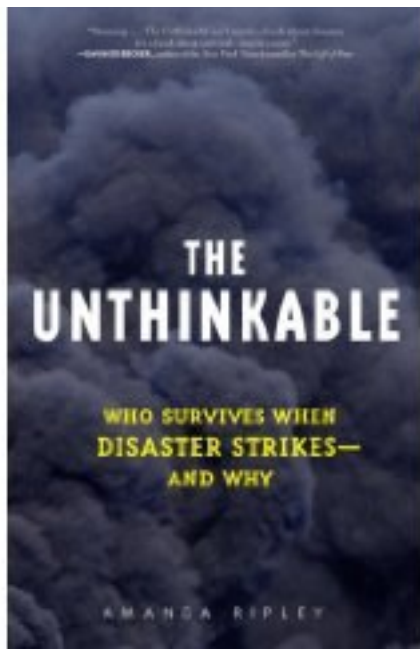


The Unthinkable



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Ripley, an award-winning writer on homeland security for Time, offers a compelling look at instinct and disaster response as she explores the psychology of fear and how it can save or destroy us. Surprisingly, she reports, mass panic is rare, and an understanding of the dynamics of crowds can help prevent a stampede, while a well-trained crew can get passengers quickly but calmly off a crashed plane. Using interviews with survivors of hotel fires, hostage situations, plane crashes and, 9/11, Ripley takes readers through the three stages of reaction to calamity: disbelief, deliberation and action. The average person slows down, spending valuable minutes to gather belongings and check in with others. The human tendency to stay in groups can make evacuation take much longer than experts estimate. Official policy based on inaccurate assumptions can also put people in danger; even after 9/11, Ripley says, the

requirement for evacuation drills on office buildings is inadequate. Ripley's in-depth look at the psychology of disaster response, alongside survivors' accounts, makes for gripping reading, sure to raise debate as well as our awareness of a life-and-death issue. 8 pages of color photos.

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不错，不过amazon上吹的有点过了。作者终归是记者出身，灾难故事讲得栩栩如生，但对心理学研究的挖掘显得外行。

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当一架波音飞机以一小时七百九十公里的速度撞上杰德娜那栋大楼的时候，共有四层楼瞬间被摧毁。杰德娜是一名在世贸中心工作的工程顾问，那天早上八点多，她走进自己位于七十三楼的办公室，开始如常的打开电脑，收取邮件。然而半小时不到，她所在的一号楼就遭受到恐怖袭击——...

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