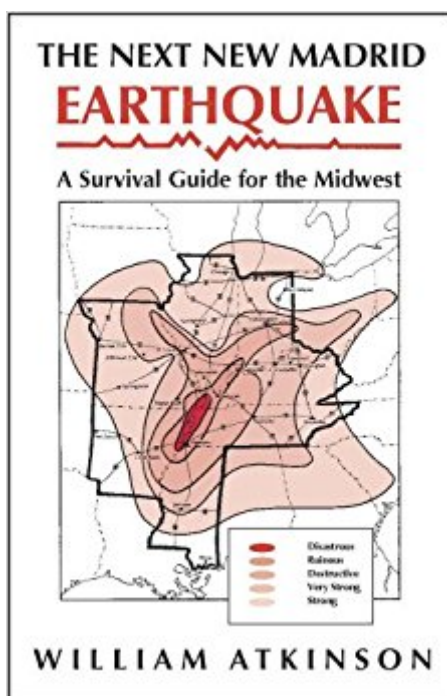


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The Next New Madrid Earthquake: A Survival Guide For The Midwest (Shawnee Books)



Synopsis

Scientists who specialize in the study of Mississippi Valley earthquakes say that the region is overdue for a powerful tremor that will cause major damage and undoubtedly some casualties. The inevitability of a future quake and the lack of preparation by both individuals and communities provided the impetus for this book. Atkinson brings together applicable information from many disciplines: history, geology and seismology, engineering, zoology, politics and community planning, economics, environmental science, sociology, and psychology and mental health to provide the most comprehensive perspective to date of the myriad impacts of a major earthquake on the Mississippi Valley. Atkinson addresses such basic questions as What, actually, are earthquakes? How do they occur? Where are they likely to occur? Can they be predicted, perhaps even prevented? He also addresses those steps that individuals can take to improve their chances for survival both during and after an earthquake.

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Customer Reviews

William Atkinson is a freelance writer with more than 2,000 articles published and is the author of *The Safety Management Handbook*.

The book contains plenty of factual and historical data on the New Madrid fault as well as information on other earthquakes throughout recorded history in other parts of the world. It also has some relevant, valuable data on how it will affect the areas and people involved should there be a

major earthquake. This book is a must read. I'm glad I read this book before I read "8.4" by Peter Hemon. It made 8.4 come alive and made it a fun read, if by fun read, you mean that the story gives you the *screamin' willies*.

Interesting... but I could put it down... and did.

Having grown up in the northern portion of the New Madrid earthquake zone, and having gotten used to the ground rumbling as part of life, I found this book to be very educational. It explains the whole process very well. I had wondered about this thing from when I was a child, and am now a great-grandpa. Never hurts to get educated. Enjoy the read, it's fantastic...

I liked reading about the New Madrid fault line. I live about 40 straight miles from it.

I would have liked to have seen those wild river men when the Mississippi flowed backward

Thanks

Very well researched book on the New Madrid fault line. Chronicles many of the major earthquakes including the 1811-1812 quakes that rerouted the Mississippi. Interesting graphs and charts. Nice comparison to other major earthquakes. Good information especially if you are teaching geology in the midwest.

I thought the first part of this book was fascinating. I thought it probably gave a pretty accurate picture of what the damage was likely to be, and how the damage would occur. I was looking forward to reading about the probable psychological responses to a catastrophe like this. Once I got there, I found myself nodding my head, remembering Katrina. What gave me pause was when the author cited several quotes by a Dennis Mileti. Mileti claims that looting is almost non-existent in catastrophes. "Sociologists, in fact, have tried to interview arrested looters after over one hundred disasters, according to Mileti, but they can never find any." I then looked at the date of publication of this book - 1989. Even so, to say that looting has almost never occurred during disasters is very hard to believe. It's not my THINGS that I care about, it's the psychological unease of bands of criminals roaming the area. I felt that should have been researched and written about a little better.

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