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The need to 'disaster proof' development is increasingly recognized by development agencies, as is the need to engender both development and disaster response. This unique book explores what these processes mean for development and disasters in practice.

Sarah Bradshaw critically examines key notions, such as gender, vulnerability, risk, and humanitarianism, underpinning development and disaster discourse. Case studies are used to demonstrate how disasters are experienced individually and collectively as gendered events. Through consideration of processes to engender development, it problematizes women's inclusion in disaster response and reconstruction. The study highlights that while women are now central to both disaster response and development, tackling gender inequality is not. By critically reflecting on gendered disaster response and the gendered impact of disasters on processes of development, it exposes some important lessons for future policy.

This timely book examines international development and disaster policy which will prove invaluable to gender and disaster academics, students and practitioners.

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