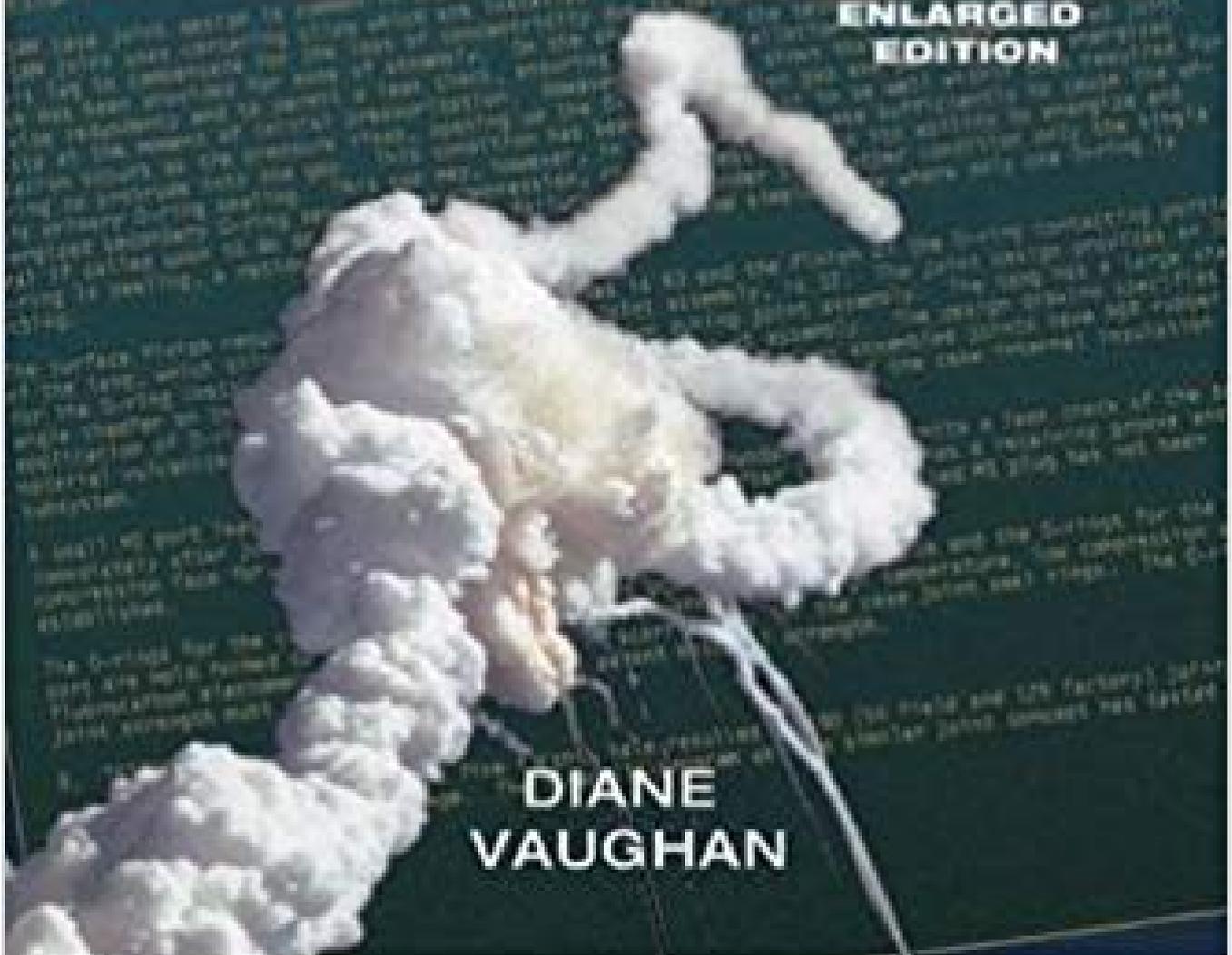


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When the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded about January 28, 1986, millions of Us citizens became bound together in one, historic moment. In a new preface, Vaughan reveals the ramifications because of this book and for her when a similar decision-making procedure brought down NASA' In retelling the way the decision unfolded through the eye of the managers and the engineers, Vaughan uncovers an incremental descent into poor judgment, backed by a tradition of high-risk technology. Why did NASA managers, who not merely had all the information prior to the launch but also had been warned against it, opt to proceed? Diane Vaughan recreates the methods before that fateful decision, contradicting standard interpretations to confirm that what happened at NASA had not been skullduggery or misconduct but a disastrous mistake. She reveals how and why NASA insiders, when repeatedly confronted with proof that something was wrong, normalized the deviance in order that it became acceptable to them. Many still vividly keep in mind exactly where these were and what they were carrying out when they heard about the tragedy.s Space Shuttle Columbia in 2003.



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Dense but thorough As a protection representative in a big organization with codified methods for submitting safety concerns this has been essential reading to my continued education. The ebook is usually littered with typos, maybe one every ten web pages or so. It was about the paradigm in which evaluations of the O-ring were made. Replacing "d" with "c" seems to be the most common "scan-o". Best but Weighty Analysis The best book on the subject, but it is a sociology study and may be a bit dense for casual readers. Very Informative Great book that contains a whole lot of information the general public would never have known. ... exhaustively well-researched and footnoted and the writer does an incredible job interviewing various topics close to the Shuttle program The book is obviously exhaustively well-researched and footnoted and the writer does an amazing job interviewing various subjects near to the Shuttle program. However the issue is usually that it reads just like a term-paper. Charles Perrow do the same in his book NORMAL ACCIDENTS. I remaining it in Mexico. Perhaps the following people in my room will be thinking about reading what amounts to a term paper whilst sunning themselves in Tulum, Mexico. That being said, it is an exceptional analysis of the numerous elements that contributed not merely to the decision to launch, but to the normalization of deviance that led an extremely intelligent and dedicated group of engineers to incrementally accept increasingly risk, and the organizational dynamics that avoided them from reaching a decision that seemed apparent to outside observers. I've come to understand that isn't (always) intended as a pejorative term, but is usually a common term used among sociologists. I would guess that this digital edition was done by scanning a paper copy with an optical personality reader. Vaughan will probably be worth reading for her capability to decipher tendencies and forces which designed participants in the release decision, even though they were often unaware of those influences at the time. She gives a compelling case for rejecting the conventional wisdom about the release decision as insufficient, showing that sometimes the simplest explanations for things can be misleading. Widely cited in the literature, but Kindle edition marred simply by a poor OCR effort I'm only 14% through this tome on my Kindle Paperwhite; Similarly, she consistently uses the word "working engineers", which I infer she will to distinguish them from their managers who also came from an engineering history. But I did so want to make a comment that various other Kindle readers will dsicover useful. initial incorrect decisions have consequences Complex but worthwhile Magisterial overview of a tragic event. This mishap was not about the O-ring. I almost utilized the Kindle's "dictionary" feature to research "rish" but then realized what the term had to be. A organized, seemingly thorough way of determining safety concerns which showed its problems in one large explosion. Vaughan's "normalization of risk" is broadly cited in this literature and is becoming recognized as a principle push in individual decision making. But it frequently stops you lifeless in your tracks, upsetting the narrative flow. Illustrations just from this morning's reading include "rish" rather than "risk" and "mic-" instead of "mid-". But also for me - I'm an product development engineer and also have been involved with developing complex real-period systems for forty years; Five Stars Essential reading for just about any organization; The reserve is indeed dry I'm surprised it didn't spontaneously combust in my hands. On a different note, Vaughan also refers to upper administration, political leaders, and corporate executives as "elites". politically I'm also extremely middle of the road - the term seems unusually worth laden. so far so good. I'm reading this book because We savoring reading about failures in complex systems, if the root causes are are technical, natural, or human being. Once you understand the proceedings, you can alter for it.



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