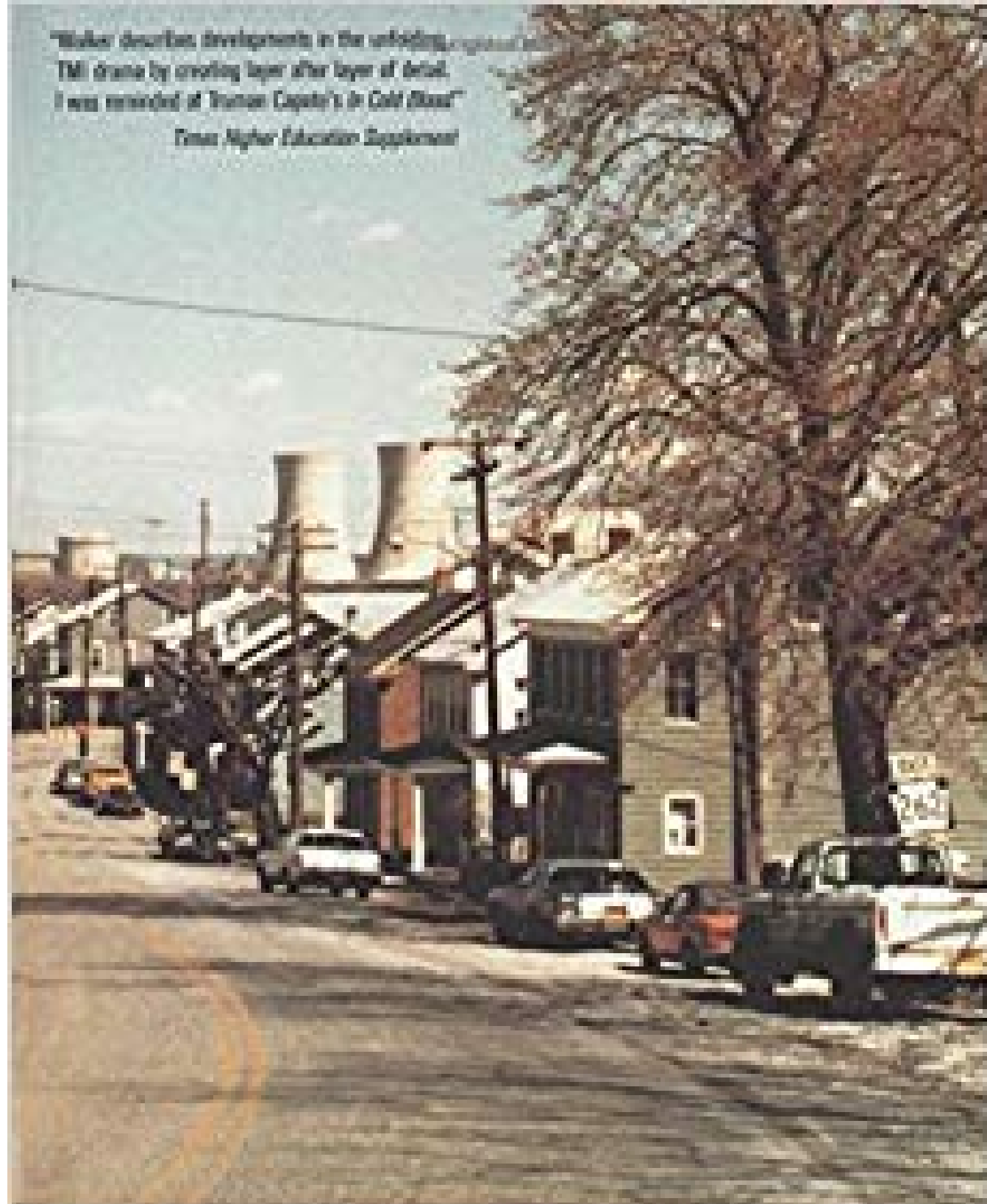


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A NUCLEAR CRISIS IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

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Twenty-five years back, Hollywood released *The China Syndrome*, featuring Jane Fonda and Michael Douglas as a TVnews crew who witness what is apparently a significant accident at a nuclear power plant. He also looks at the aftermath of the accident on the surrounding area, including research of its long-term wellness effects on the populace, providing a fascinating home window onto the politics of nuclear power and an authoritative account of a critical event in latest American history. This reserve may be the first comprehensive accounts of the complexities, context, and outcomes of the Three Mile Island crisis. For five days, the citizens of central Pennsylvania and the whole planet, amid growing alarm, followed the attempts of authorities to prevent the crippled plant from spewing dangerous quantities of radiation into the environment. In gripping prose, J. Samuel Walker captures the high individual drama surrounding the incident, sets it in the context of the heated debate over nuclear power in the seventies, and analyzes the social, specialized, and political problems it raised. The heart of Walker's suspenseful narrative is certainly a moment-by-moment accounts of the accident itself, where he brings alive the players who handled the crisis: the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the state of Pennsylvania, the White colored House, and a cast of researchers and reporters. His superb account of these frightening and confusing days will clear up misconceptions held even today about Three Mile Island. In a spectacular coincidence, on March 28, 1979, less than two weeks after the movie arrived, the worst accident in the annals of commercial nuclear power in the usa happened at Three Mile Island.



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Promising technology surrounded by completely inadequate human being systems Thirty-six years later, an excellent appearance back at TMI. What this reserve is actually about? Samuel Walker can be an excellent treatise on the Three Mile Island (TMI) incident in historic perspective. R.W didn't make control system improvements for known (and dangerous) style flaws in all of their pressure drinking water reactors. While omitting relevant info, Walker contains irrelevancies: D. Walker mentions that the hydrogen bubble resulted from damage to the fuel rods, but will not specify that it had been the zirconium gas rod cladding dissolving that released the hydrogen. He is a lucid and interesting article writer for anyone interested in the material at hand. Sad. Great story and writing ! Walker implies he does not have any pro-nuclear bias. It is certainly a good look into another amount of time in the development of industrial safe practices. I have never figured out why designer B&Training was completely inadequate. But that was an age group of hard-wired "and" gates and "or" gates; not very flexible, like today's control strategy programs. I've done online analysis about the failed Rancho Seco power plant within a slide display I give to visitors where I function, mainly to other engineers. This is also an extremely well-written reserve, and a pleasure to read. A Historical And Regulatory Perspective Of Three Mile Island "3 Mile Island" by J. Much like Fukushima, I was shocked at how ill-prepared the plant and the federal government had been for any sort of problems at the plant. Walker deals less with the technical and physical aspects of the incident to have a more overarching look at of the procedures of TMI (and additional nuclear plant life) from a political, organizational, and managerial standpoint. Walker is the official historian of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and therefore has spent the bulk of his professional lifestyle researching and documenting nuclear problems. I think fission includes a future, but everything that went incorrect here has not been wholly addressed. I would recommend this book unequivocally. I further recommend that this reserve be read in tandem with "Hostages of every Additional" by Joseph Rees, which is actually my favorite general accounts of regulatory interactions vis-a-vis TMI. That is an excellent book to aid in grasping the complex regulatory, political, and corporate organizational influences in nuclear power, particularly in accordance with the TMI accident. 158) we learn what the company had done the previous time to ameliorate the hydrogen bubble to clarify the announcements made your day that chapter deals with. This is an extremely detailed narrative that only casual readers may find dense, but is an excellent book for those with a deeper interest in the nuclear sector. If you are searching for a thorough, unbiased account of what occurred at TMI, appear elsewhere. Much less on the engineering information, more on the press and PR angle Lots of words, little content This book was highly unsatisfactory. One cannot cope with particular deficiencies and maintain length limits: this will end up being general. This is an excellent read and as an engineer who is engaged in regulatory compliance from the industry perspective I thoroughly enjoyed this story and it's implications, especially about the need for better operator training and for emergency response procedures for operators. It seems to become about bureaucratic gyrations in a reaction to the accident, NOT efforts to assess what was happening or activities to deal with the reactor itself or the real condition of the reactor. I was surviving in Butler, PA when this occurred. That is difficult to trust considering his employer, word choice and his criticizing nuclear opponents and excusing those in the nuclear market. Illustration of priorities: chapters 4-8 bear the title of times of the accident, but (p. Great Detail of events Walker delivers a complete picture of the occasions in TMI. The TMI operators virtually destroyed the plant in . by inch simply because they did not find out better. Walker's omissions frustrate. Despite long discussion of the preparation of the NRC's 1st accident press release, the press release text is omitted! The publication would be even more comprehensible if it included a map of the region, relevant organizational charts of the NRC, state and federal government governments and a schematic of the TMI reactor corresponding to the parts Walker named. There is no reference to the Rasmussen Report (Clean-1400), commonly used by nuclear proponents before and after the accident to assure people of nuclear safety. Also, *why* had been no highly-educated operators on demand the plants to guide them? No dedicated phone lines connected TMI to the NRC or various other state or

Federal government authorities. Neely didn't go with two other NRC people to meet the governor's executive associate. This is the only reference to this man, therefore the mention is perplexing. good book, in good condition Good book, written by an insider.



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