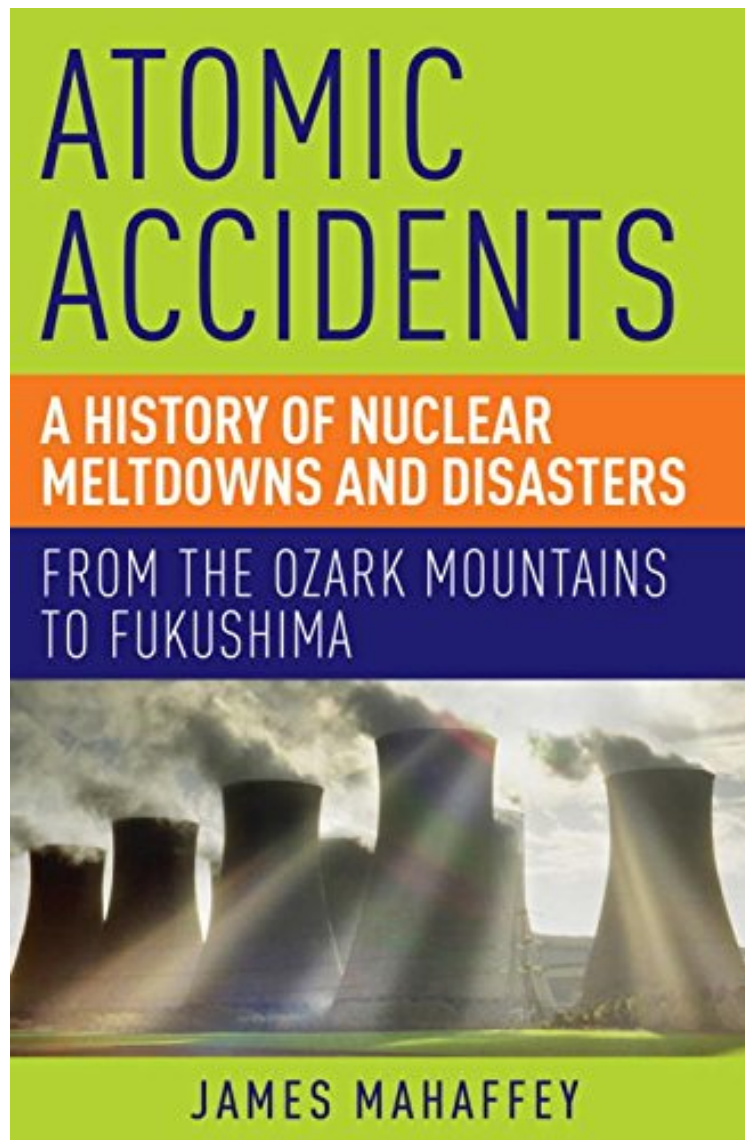


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Engrossing and eye opening read if you are interested in this topic
By MBHK This is a really interesting and chilling book. I think the author's intent, as someone who it seems has worked in the industry, was to reassure readers that nuclear power is relatively safe. After reading it, however, I wondered how we've all managed to stay alive. There are tons of interesting anecdotes, some amusing, some sad and tragic but at the least very instructional. Human error and misreading of events have contributed to a lot of the worst accidents. The book was also somewhat of a wake up call to me. As troubled as the U.S. nuclear industry appears to be it sure sounds like you don't want to live near reactors in some other countries, like India, and you get the distinct feeling that another disaster like the most recent one in Japan is probably a certainty. I don't have an engineering background but I was able to follow most of the technical explanations and as a lay person have a much better feel for how reactors work. The writing was pretty accessible and I really couldn't put the book down at times.

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By John T McInerney Extremely interesting book. Jim Mahaffey was losing me at first with all the physics/science involved, but thanks to the internet I was able to catch on...sort of. At first I thought he was attempting to frighten the world against nuclear energy, but I didn't come away with that feeling. Mr. Mahaffey is also skilled at extracting humor out of a disaster without seeming offensive. Anyone with interest in engineering, science, or love of disaster documentaries will like this book.

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By . Do you enjoy a good techno thriller? Do you sometimes wish for more "techno" and less fictitious "thriller"? Is that what's troubling you Bunkie? Well here's nonstop, detailed narrative of seemingly every man-made screw up since the beginning of the nuclear age. Who'd of think that there were so many ways to improperly store, use, re-cycle, and dispose of radioactive materials? Even bomb yields were sometimes way off. How many nuclear weapons have gone lost or missing? You might be surprised. You don't have to be a physicist to enjoy this book, I found it very entertaining.

A gripping narrative of nuclear mishaps and meltdowns around the globe, all of which have proven pivotal to the advancement of nuclear science. From the moment radiation was discovered in the late nineteenth century, nuclear science has had a rich history of innovative scientific exploration and discovery, coupled with mistakes, accidents, and downright disasters. Mahaffey, a long-time advocate of continued nuclear research and nuclear energy, looks at each incident in turn and analyzes what happened and why, often discovering where scientists went wrong when analyzing past meltdowns. Every incident has led to new facets in understanding about the mighty atom and Mahaffey puts forth what the future should be for this final frontier of science that still holds so much promise. 16 pages of color and BW images, charts and graphs throughout