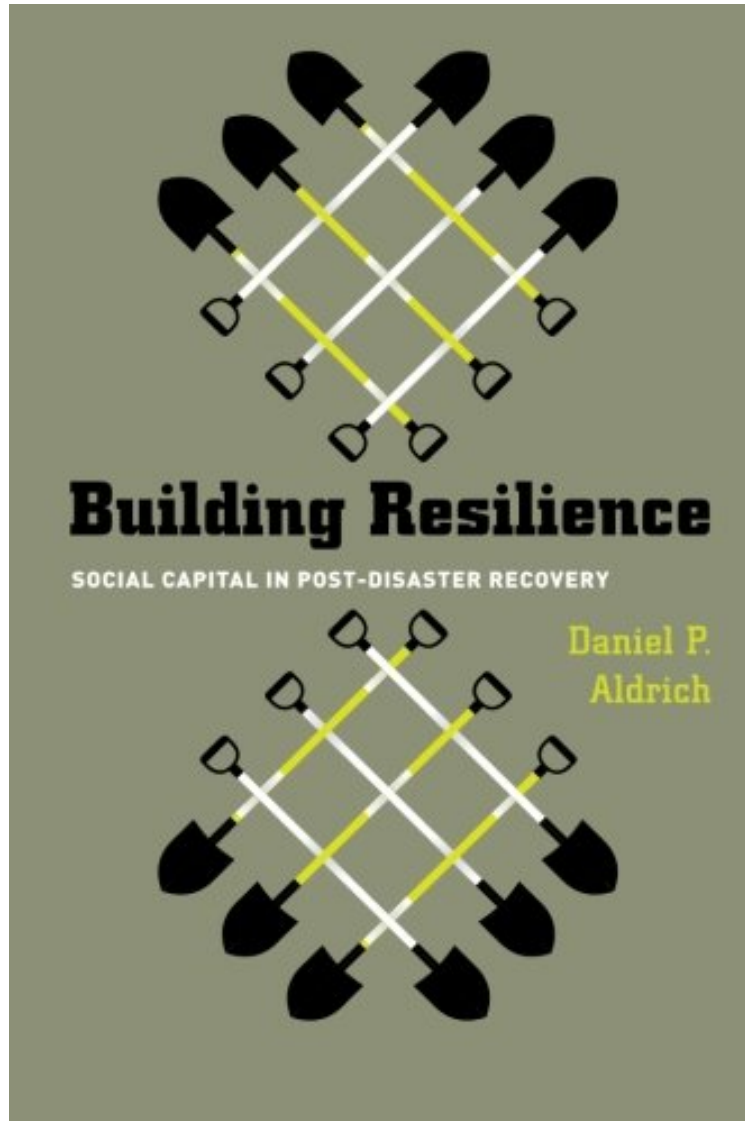


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studies are well explored and identified social capital to be the single most contributing factor during post-disaster recovery. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Three Stars By Deborah Hughes Warden It was just ok 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful, Refreshing, Insightful By Nicole M Radziwill Unlike the 2-star reviewer below, I didn't expect to pick up this book and find out what social capital is - for this, I can rely on any article or book by Ron Burt. In fact, I'm not sure what I was expecting - I just wanted to learn about resilience as a dimension of quality, and all the different ways resilience can be expressed in a community or organization. I was also hoping to find out about whether there were pitfalls associated with resilience. The book delivered on BOTH of these unspoken expectations. For companies and organizations experiencing high environmental dynamism (which is pretty much most of them, these days) I feel that cultivating resilience is one missing link that can also stimulate innovation. Because think about it... when your whole world is destroyed by a natural disaster, it's going to require not only innovative thinking, but innovative \*doing\*... to get the systems required for ordinary life back in working order. This book helped me learn about and understand the concept of resilience in a way I'd never considered it before. What I found in Daniel's book was one of the most refreshing examples of academic literature I've seen in years. In addition to learning about resilience, I was captivated by the stories of natural disasters in different social and historical contexts. The book reminded me of John McPhee's geology books... so engaging that you forget you're learning about some rather complex concepts and interrelationships. I'd recommend it to ANY business leader or executive who wants to learn about what makes a community resilient, and I'd also recommend it to anyone who enjoys learning about the social context of natural disasters. The last time I had this much fun reading an academic book was Barabasi's "Linked".

Each year, natural disasters threaten the strength and stability of communities worldwide. Yet responses to the challenges of recovery vary greatly and in ways that aren't explained by the magnitude of the catastrophe or the amount of aid provided by national governments or the international community. The difference between resilience and disrepair, as Daniel P. Aldrich shows, lies in the depth of communities' social capital.

"Prof. Aldrich presents new and convincing empirical evidence to support his claims, and advocates a practical emphasis on social capital development in postdisaster policy, especially within the context of the rapid rebuilding of shattered communities following major disasters." (Ilan Noy, Univ. of Hawaii)