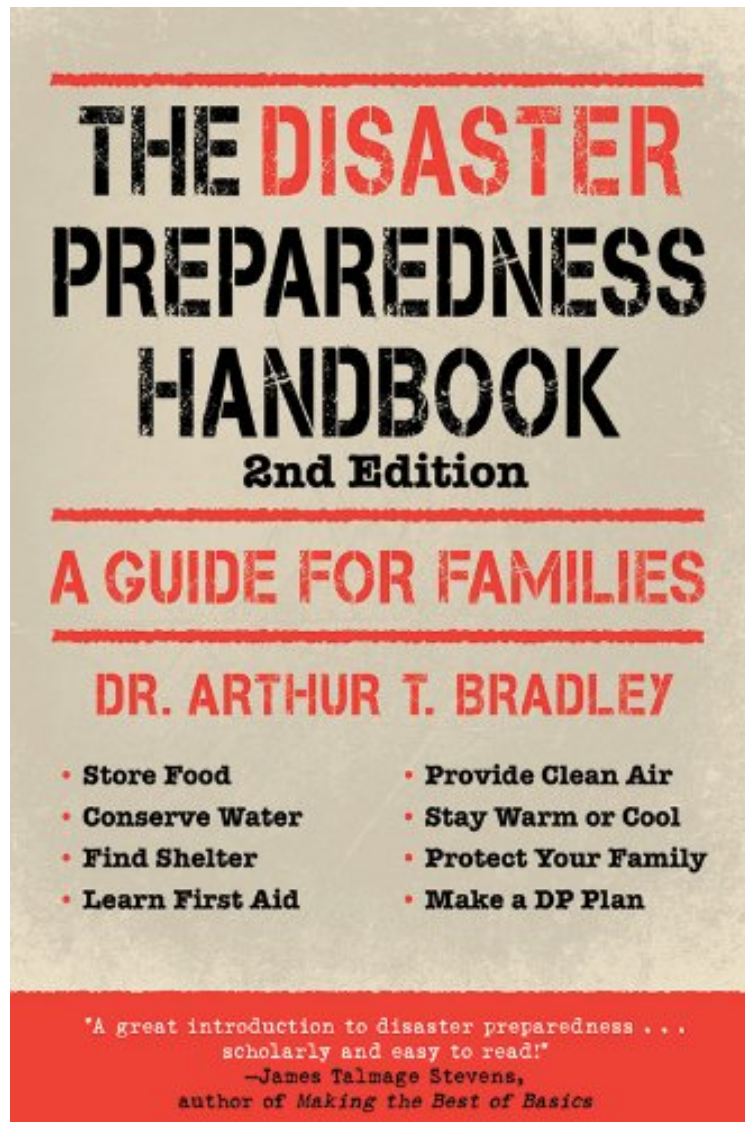


The Disaster Preparedness Handbook: A Guide for Families

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Arthur T. Bradley : The Disaster Preparedness Handbook: A Guide for Families before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Disaster Preparedness Handbook: A Guide for Families:

52 of 54 people found the following review helpful. Finally, a call for communities to be proactive rather than loners to react!

By ScottThis is the disaster preparedness handbook for the average American. Its premise is that you don't have to be a hardcore prepper to be ready for a wide variety of the most likely disasters you might face. In this era of hype and doom-saying, it's a welcome message.

Dr. Arthur Bradley lays out the problem of disaster preparedness (DP) in an accessible manner that many can appreciate, in language that's easy to get through. This is no wild-eyed "fight off the cannibals!" treatise on right-wing nuttury. He advocates a balanced, rational approach to real scenarios that nevertheless refuses to buy its head in the sand and doesn't excuse those who choose not to prepare.

Early on, the book attempts to help the reader wrap his head around the various disaster possibilities and their likelihood, based on recent history. It's effective enough, but I doubt anyone that picks this book up needs convincing. We've all watched the news and gotten the heebie-jeebies when we realized just how unstable the world can be.

My biggest criticism of the book is that a lot of the sections went into more detail than necessary, presenting all options rather than just recommending the one or two best ones. There are a few sections that I could probably do without (a whole chapter on Sleep, and repeated speculation that terrorists might go after our food supply). A small quibble, though, compared to how much valuable information is contained here and how much common sense comes with it.

The info on sanitation and water treatment is the most thorough I've read. Staying hydrated and not getting sick are much more important to me than how to build a fallout shelter or which type of ammo to use on looters.

Dr. Bradley points out that you going overboard on food storage won't help you; you have to stay balanced. He also includes a lot of good info on food poisoning and how to avoid it. What other disaster preparedness book have you read that talks about food poisoning in detail, citing specific bacteria and their causes/treatments? And yet it's a huge problem in disaster areas. It makes a handy reference, and this was one section I didn't mind the extra level of detail.

There is a decent run-down of First Aid, and although I keep other references for medical advice I suppose it doesn't hurt to have as much information around as possible. I was very pleasantly surprised to see a Financial Preparedness section which included many great suggestions for saving money and handling the money you save. This is another subject most DP/Prepper publications skip over.

One point I really appreciated: pre-made disaster buckets and kits are totally inadequate in real emergencies. Better than nothing, sure, but if you think buying a \$40 pre-packaged kit from Wal-mart will cover you, you're going to be hurting. "The best DP kit is not the one with the most supplies but the one with the right supplies."

I really enjoyed the variety of test scenarios at the end, encouraging you to act them out at some level with your family to see how it would really be and what holes there are in your preparedness. There are also some good lists and worksheets to look over in case you haven't considered all the items you might need.

All in all, a very informative and practical guide. Basic enough for complete beginners but with enough information on a variety of subjects for veteran preppers to sink their teeth into. Definitely worth a few bucks for the ebook, and having a paper copy on hand would be even more practical in a disaster!

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. If you have only one, this should be it..

By G. ChapmanDisaster preparedness isn't "doomsday preppers". Concern for emergency preparation does NOT mean you're some sort of extremist suffering paranoid delusions (any more than having a fire extinguisher or a spare tire); it means you are a sensible rational person who recognizes that disaster preparedness involves a serious issue and legitimate threat to you and your family's safety that all reasonable and responsible people should thoroughly consider.

Everybody remembers things like Katrina etc., but various situations happen everywhere all the time of varying severity -- most of the time less, sometimes more -- in which being prepared can mean the difference between mere inconvenience or true hardship in the case of the former, and true hardship or survival in the case of the latter.

Okay, here's the scoop...the book is not sensationalistic; it presents a reasonable and responsible perspective

Bradley does an outstanding job of balancing presenting enough information to be useful and making a person truly informed but still remaining relatively brief and to-the-point (i.e. there's minimal filler...mostly solid useful information that isn't too long-winded)

surprisingly complete; the book is simply chock-full of really helpful tables, charts, pics, etc. that condense the information and make it quickly and easily accessible

logical flow of ideas, sensible arrangement of topics and subject material, high quality sturdy construction (the hardcover in particular), nice color/glossy pages, and overall very high-quality and professional presentation

works great as an encyclopedia-type reference, to read straight through as a book, or to read "a la carte" as stand-alone chapters/subjects

On one end of the extreme you have your apocalypse prepper types; on the other extreme you have people who are either oblivious to any potential threat to their safety at all, or even worse those who criticize and denigrate the very idea of disaster preparedness as "weird" or "extreme". Too often you find one or the other extreme.

Bradley's book is a very welcome breath of fresh air that injects some sanity and responsibility into the subject.

Although I certainly have no official or professional clout in this context, I'm a reasonable person, concerned citizen, and discriminating consumer, and have read more than my share of this type of material, and I can confidently say that this is the best single book I've ever read on the subject of disaster preparedness. If your family only has one book on the subject, this would be a very good choice.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An excellent resource for beginners, a nice review for the more experienced

By Chris P.One of my favorite books on the subject. It is well organized and more importantly covers the why of certain topics rather than just the how. The methods taught in the book are realistic and easily attainable for most people. If you have studied disaster prep to some extent already, this is a decent review with perhaps some ideas you haven't

thought of. If you're new to the prepping community, this is a nice primer, especially for individuals in a more suburban or perhaps Urban setting.

Ninety-nine percent of the time, the world spins like a top, the skies are clear, and your refrigerator is full of good food. But the world is a volatile place storms Rage, fires burn, and diseases spread. No one is ever completely safe. Humans live as part of a very complex ecosystem that is unpredictable and merciless. Could you protect your family in the case of an emergency domestic or global the disaster preparedness handbook will help you to establish a practical disaster plan for your entire family (covering all Fourteen basic human needs) in case the unpredictable happens. Additional information is also presented for those with special needs, including the elderly and disabled, children, pregnant women, and even pets. Well-researched by an Army veteran and current nasa engineer, this is the essential guide every family should have, study, and keep handy, in case the unthinkable should occur. Specifications:- number of pages: 560- size: 6" x 9".

Families want and need actionable practical plans when disaster strikes and the Handbook to Practical Disaster Preparedness for the Family has it all in one volume! (Shane Connor)This book is an incredible compendium of knowledge in the area of disaster preparedness. In spite of the many pages, it is never daunting or overpowering but rather written with a comfortable conversational tone. (Kerry Lewis, Master Anjing Banfa)This handbook exceeded my expectations! It is a comprehensive presentation of ideas not only for disaster preparedness but also helpful for everyday living. (Dr. Lee Green, Dangerous Man Christian Conferences)An easy to read handbook packed full of very helpful information to cover any emergency one might encounter. (Marg Pollon, Founding Director of Bridges of Love Ministry Society)A great introduction to disaster preparedness in a single volume, both scholarly and easy to read! (James Talmage Stevens, author of Making the Best of Basics)About the AuthorDr. Arthur T. Bradley, is an Army veteran, father of four, martial arts expert, and homeschooler. He is active in volunteer youth organizations, including the Boy and Girl Scouts of America. He holds a doctorate in engineering from Auburn University and currently works as a senior engineer for NASA. Having lived all across the United States, Dr. Bradley writes from personal experience about a wide variety of disasters, including earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, house fires, and massive snowstorms. He is the author of The Disaster Preparedness Handbook.