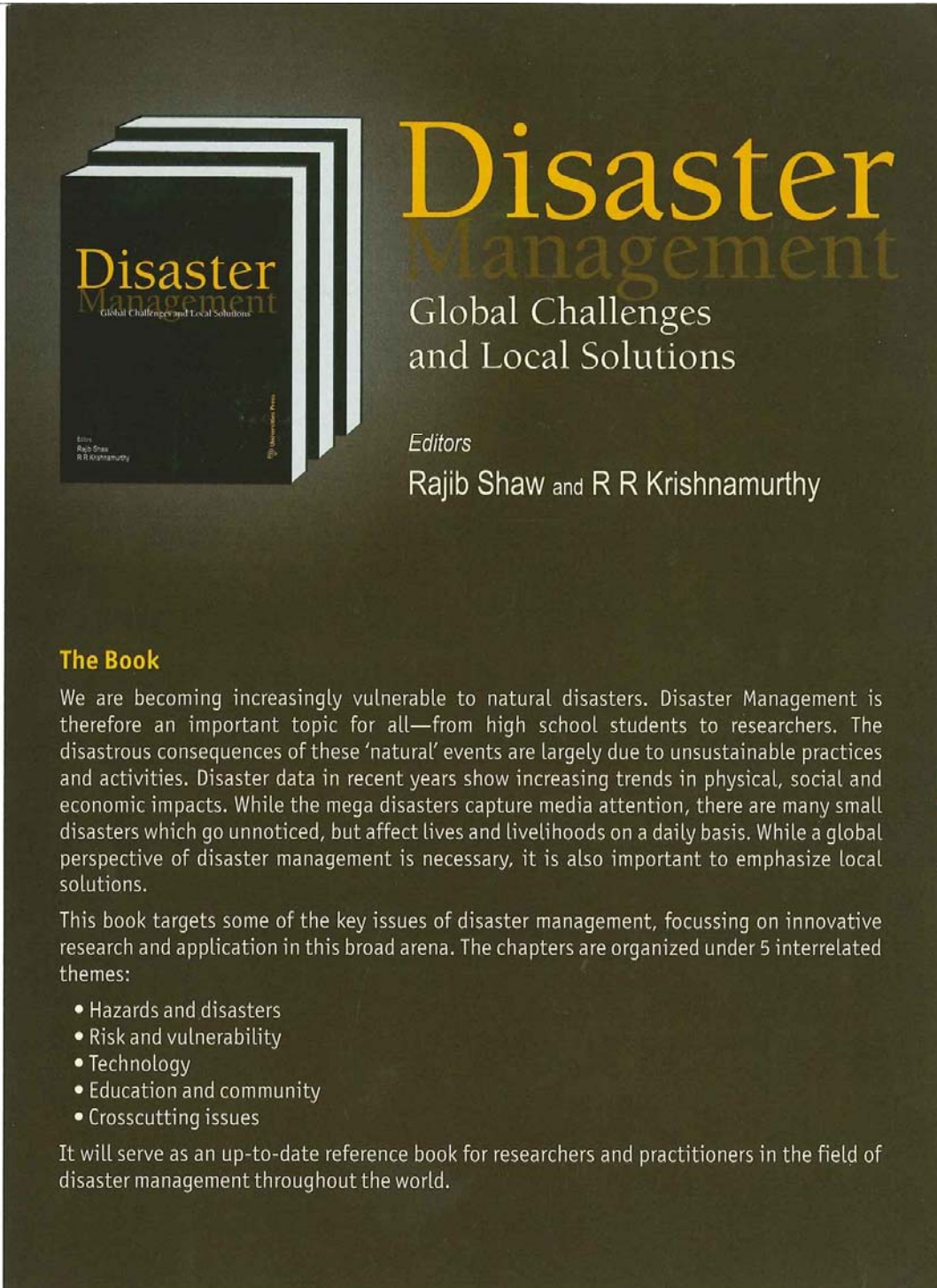


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Disaster Management
Global Challenges and Local Solutions

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The Book

We are becoming increasingly vulnerable to natural disasters. Disaster Management is therefore an important topic for all—from high school students to researchers. The disastrous consequences of these 'natural' events are largely due to unsustainable practices and activities. Disaster data in recent years show increasing trends in physical, social and economic impacts. While the mega disasters capture media attention, there are many small disasters which go unnoticed, but affect lives and livelihoods on a daily basis. While a global perspective of disaster management is necessary, it is also important to emphasize local solutions.

This book targets some of the key issues of disaster management, focussing on innovative research and application in this broad arena. The chapters are organized under 5 interrelated themes:

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