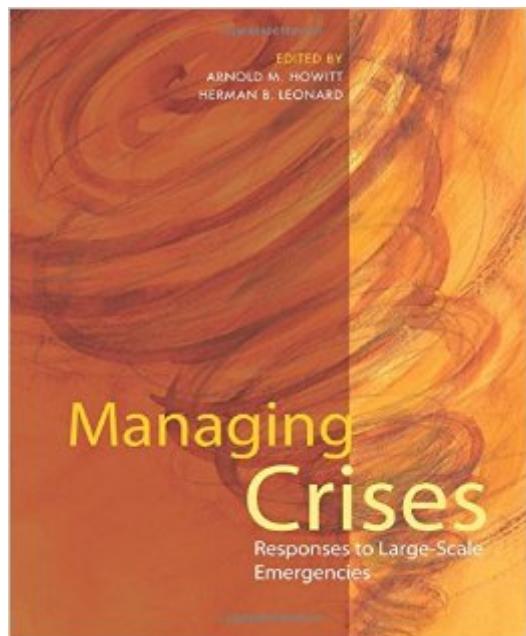


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I study crisis communication, so when I took a class outside of my department I was delighted to discover this as one of the required texts. I would never have learned about the intricacies of the LA Riots, or even probably ever heard of the Baltimore Tunnel fire (did you know about the tunnel fire in

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