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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The 1994 Northridge (CA) earthquake caused as much as \$26 billion (in 2005 dollars) in damage and was one of the costliest natural disasters to strike the United States. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has estimated that earthquakes cost the United States over \$5 billion per year. A hypothetical scenario for a magnitude 7.8 earthquake in southern California estimated a possibility of 1,800 fatalities and over \$200 billion in economic losses. The January 12, 2010, magnitude 7.0 earthquake that struck Haiti only 15 miles from Port-au-Prince, the capital city, has caused an estimated 230,000 fatalities and 300,000 injuries. On February 27, 2010, a magnitude 8.8 earthquake occurred offshore of Chile and has caused massive damage, although far fewer fatalities than the Haiti earthquake. The Cascadia Subduction Zone megathrust fault, which stretches from southern British Columbia to northern California, has the potential to generate a massive earthquake and tsunami, similar to the Chilean earthquake, that could threaten Oregon, Washington, and northern California. The United States faces the possibility of large economic losses from earthquake-damaged buildings and infrastructure. California alone...



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