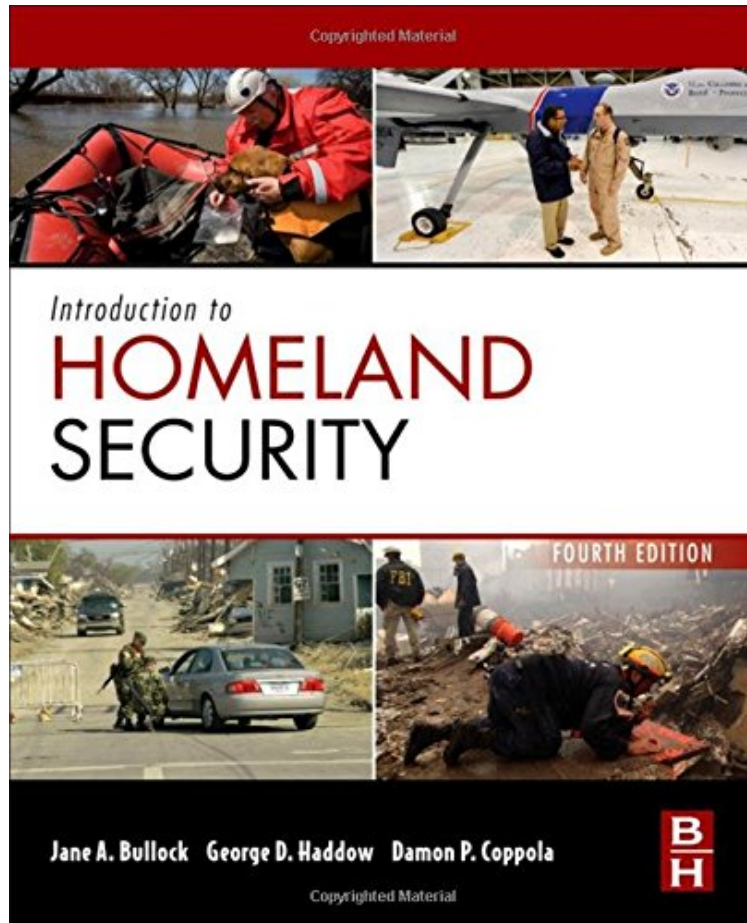


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. This is the Most Authoritative, Best Written and Most Interesting of All Textbooks on the Subject By Mark R. Jorgensen Choosing a textbook for a course is not usually an easy task -- one must sift through the less substantial books to identify the best available by content, difficulty, readability, extras, etc. Every once in a while authors write a textbook that is outstanding in most respects -- in this case the authors nailed it! They provide excellent coverage of national security, natural and other threats and hazards that face the United States and the many organizations and their responsibilities that respond to them -- the most important being the Department of Homeland Security and its many constituent parts. For completeness and accuracy in content this book is excellent.

But be prepared for a cornucopia of very detailed and mundane information -- after all, this is a textbook/reference. The organizational landscape of homeland security -- the structures, roles and relationships of the federal, state, tribal and local entities -- are covered in sufficient detail to provide students with an excellent appreciation of the subject. Not a defect of the book but rather its nature is that it describes how the management and responses to emergencies should be handled, and not so much the actual practice though there are some sections illustrating contemporary responses to disasters interspersed throughout the text. The authors have some definite points of view and I believe that is actually another strength of the book. For example, regarding the creation and original organization of the Department of Homeland Security the authors correctly identify the enfeeblement and defunding of the previously independent FEMA with its predictable and subsequent dire results. Though the U.S. Congress passed post-Katrina legislation to correct the lessened emphasis on natural hazards -- and DHS itself now voices an "all hazards" approach -- whether DHS is the best organizational framework for what are its constituent pieces is not yet clear in my opinion and that of many others. The authors discuss these points and, when relevant, the politics and history of each of the hazards. Even though their points of view are pretty clearly discerned they fairly present the issues and context. Whether you are looking for a textbook or a reference book then this is the one you should seriously consider purchasing. The two principal authors were long-time FEMA employees who are now industry consultants -- the four authors did an excellent job on this effort.

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Bullock, Haddow, and Coppola have set the standard for homeland security textbooks, and they follow up their #1-selling third edition with this substantially improved version. Students will value the decades of experience that the authors bring to their analysis, and the new edition offers still more research-based data to balance the field-tested practical information included in each chapter. Additionally, links to the most current online government information help to keep the text up-to-date in this rapidly developing field. As with its predecessors, the book clearly delineates the bedrock principles of preparing for, mitigating, managing, and recovering from emergencies and disasters. However, this new edition emphasizes their value with improved clarity and focus. **NEW TO THIS EDITION:** This edition has been thoroughly revised to include changes that are based both on changes relevant to the political, budgetary, and legal aspects of homeland security that have changed since the 2008 Presidential election (and subsequent change in the administration), but also in recognition of an expanding academic demand that is both larger in size and changing in scope (most notably with regard to an increase in the number of government employees and officials who are taking courses that have adopted the text). These include: an expansion of material on the organization of the Department of Homeland Security; strategic and philosophical changes that are recommended and/or that have occurred as a result of the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review completed in 2010; updated budgetary information on both homeland security programs and on the homeland security grants that have supported safety and security actions at the state and local levels, as well as in the private sector; and changes in the way the public perceives and receives information about security risk, including the possible elimination of the Homeland Security Advisory System. New chapters that focus specifically on border and transportation security missions. An increased focus on cyber security and infrastructure security, both of which are rapidly growing in importance in the homeland security field among officials at all levels.

"The book doesn't shy away from the controversial choices that have been made in the creation of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, nor from the tensions that arise from the DHS emphasis on dealing with terrorism against its responsibilities for handling hazards and disasters. It also has some handy data references." --Natural Hazards Observer, November 2013

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