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...AN EXCELLENT BOOK ON TRANSPORTATION DISASTER RESPONSE ...I will rate this book with very high marks, written as a text yet very readable. Anyone involved with transportation disasters will find this book interesting and enlightening. I would purchase this book for my own library and would suggest it as a wonderful addition to anyone's collection...

Transportation Disaster Response, 1st Edition, by Jay Levinson and Hayim Granot. Hard Bound, 10" x 7.5" x 0.9".
Academic Press, Harcourt Place, 32 Jamestown Road, London NW1 7BY, UK. Publication Date Feb 2002. xiv + 290 pages, ISBN-10: 0124454860, ISBN-13: 978-0124454866. Price $69.95.

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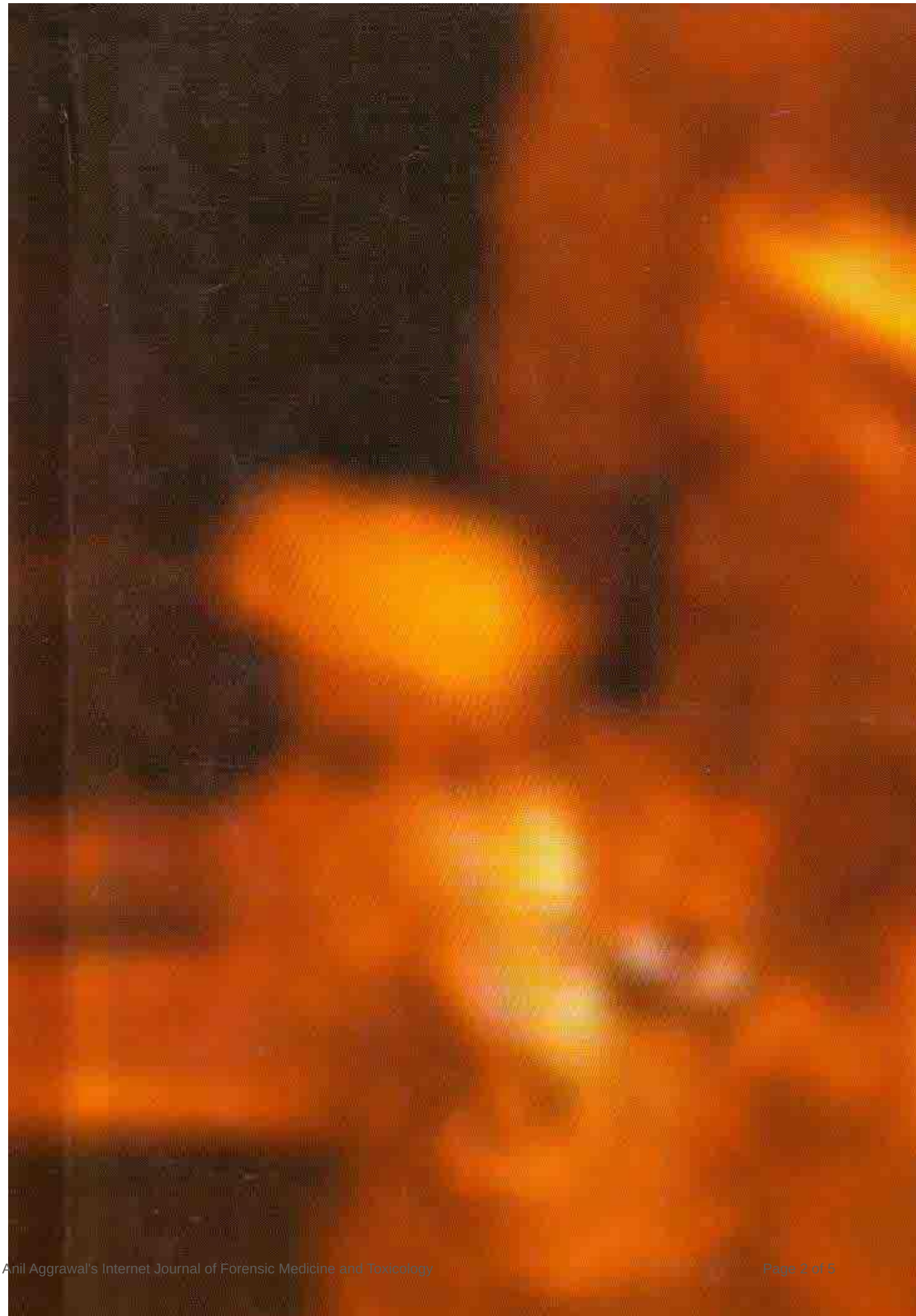

*T*his book is an excellent source of information for anyone trying to gain knowledge about transportation disaster response. The authors begin by defining the subject and then explain each fine detail of a complicated operation. The reader is taken from the secure easy chair and placed into different roles seen in a disaster response. The book follows a logical path that begins with preparation and ends with completed assignment with the injured treated, fatalities identified, remains repatriated, and victims returned to families. This book illustrates the fact that the true forensic work involved with the activity intertwines with the finances, worker mental health, jurisdictional issues, and family assistance services.

The chapter organization makes the information flow easily. The reader is able to follow this flow and get a feel for the development and evolution of mass disaster operations. The book will give the reader an ability to understand the development of a preparedness plan, the assignment of emergency personnel, and even planning for business recovery. Whoever reads this text will be able to comprehend the concept of transportation disasters, how they effect the local population, and how the local community responds to the disaster.

Real life incidences are used to illustrate points to be made. These incidences are from around the world and show how globalization effects even the science of disaster response. Each chapter defines a point and thoroughly covers all aspects of the activity addressed. References at the end of the book are excellent and can lead a researcher into studies as deep as they might wish to go. In all, I will rate this book with very high marks, written as a text yet very readable. Anyone involved with transportation disasters will find this book interesting and enlightening. I would purchase this book for my own library and would suggest it as a wonderful addition to anyone’s collection.



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