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Off the Shelf:

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Disaster and recovery are two topics on our minds as people in our community and elsewhere recover from the triple whammy of an earthquake, a hurricane, and a tropical storm. Check out these resources and others:

Books:

“I Will Not Be Broken: 5 Steps to Overcoming a Life Crisis” by Jerry White

“The Edge of Disaster: Surviving Terror and Catastrophe” by Stephen Flynn

“The Unthinkable: Who Survives When Disaster Strikes” by Amanda Ripley

“Are You Ready? An In-Depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness” by FEMA staff

DVDs:

“Disaster Preparedness for Dummies”

“Lots and Lots of Fire Songs & Safety Tips” (for children)

Websites:

How to Repair Your Flooded Home

<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1418>

Why Repair?

[http://www.fema.gov/pdf/areyouready/why\\_prepare.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/areyouready/why_prepare.pdf)

Pets and Disasters

<http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/pets.html>

Stay safe!

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Turning to lighter matters, there is relief to be found in escaping into a book. Why not grab something in a completely different genre from your usual reading? If you enjoy mysteries, try a romance. If you love vampire stories, seek out a novel of space travel; if you only read bestsellers, try some mid-list titles....expand your boundaries. For instance, “O Magazine” declared these lesser-known titles to be some of the best of Summer, 2011: “The Year We Left Home” by Jean Thompson; “Bright’s Passage” by Josh Ritter; “Stiltsville” by Susanna Daniel; “Sister” by Rosamund Lupton; and “What Alice Forgot” by Liane Moriariy.

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