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disasters and chaos they have inflicted on the world, retreating to their billionaire bunkers. This timely book will be of interest to sociologists,

social theorists and activists in understanding the racialised, classed and capitalist nature of contemporary disasters.