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True accounts of major disasters in Oregon history are retold in this engagingly written collection. Among the true accounts dramatically retold are the deadly Mount Hood avalanche of 1927, the 1933 Tillamook forest fire (one of the worst in U.S. history), the devastating tsunami of 1964, and the 1903 flash flood in Heppner, which carried away a fourth of the town's inhabitants. Each story reveals not only the circumstances surrounding the disaster and the magnitude of the devastation but also the courage and ingenuity displayed by those who survived and the heroism of those who helped others,
