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In a wide-ranging, timely discussion of urgent issues, this volume examines the health consequences of the recent terrorist attacks in the United States and systematically reviews information on explosives, incendiaries, and small arms, as well as biologic, chemical, nuclear, radiologic and other radioactive weapons that may be used by terrorists. In a constructive approach, the authors discuss what needs to be done to improve the public health and medical care systems in preparation for possible future terrorist attacks and threats and for addressing widespread public health problems more effectively. They also explore the origins of terrorism and discuss the civil rights and human rights issues related to government responses to terrorism. Well-written, well-organized, and up-to-date, the book should be essential reading for many health professionals, students, and others concerned with terrorism and its health consequences.

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