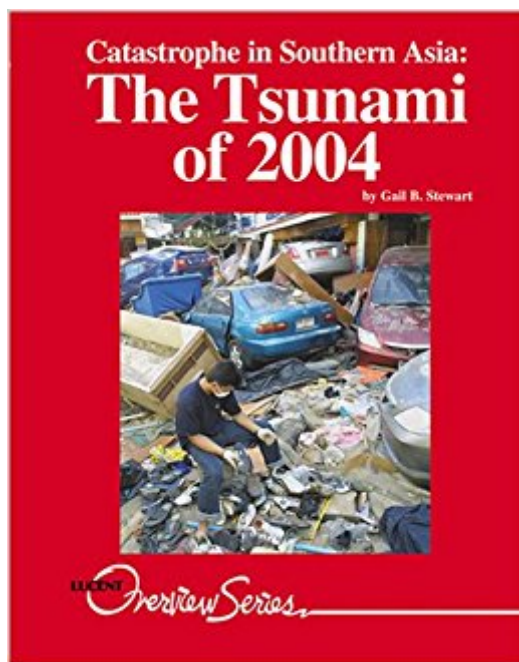


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# Catastrophe In Southern Asia: The Tsunami Of 2004 (Lucent Overview)



## Synopsis

The tsunami that tore through Southern Asia on December 26, 2004, killed more than 200,000 people. Thousands are still missing and millions more lost their homes. Though the numbers defy comprehension, this book presents a clear and vivid picture of what happened on that day and the response, both immediate and long-term, to this catastrophe. (20020201)

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Grade 5-8 Although several recent books on tsunamis include coverage of the December 2004 Indian Ocean disaster, this entire book focuses on it. Stewart includes accounts of the event itself and images of destruction, following up with the causes of tsunamis, inadequate warning systems, dealing with the casualties, continuing risks for survivors, response efforts, and rebuilding of the stricken areas. The book's real strength comes in its level of detail, as the author goes well beyond the obvious in exploring issues lacking or glossed over in most other accounts. For example, she discusses the need for special religious accommodations to allow for mass burials and cremations necessary for dealing with the number of dead and follows that with the effect on survivors' need to say good-bye to their loved ones through funerals and other ceremonies. Stewart also includes information on many survivors' psychological problems, such as fear of ghosts; the reasons for indigenous people's and animals' success in escaping the tsunami; the role of tourists in

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