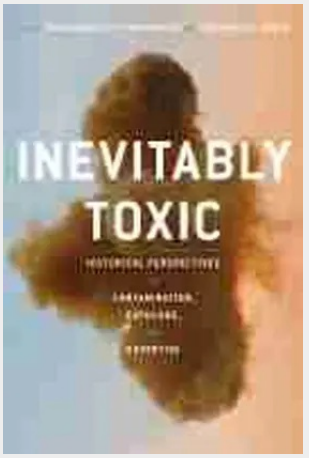
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Not a day goes by that humans aren't exposed to toxins in our environment—be it at home, in the car, or workplace. But what about those toxic places and items that aren't marked? Why are we warned about some toxic spaces substances and not others? The essays in this volume consider the exposure of bodies in four countries in the form of nuclear radiation, industrial waste, pesticides and future biological warfare. Research shows that appeals to uncertainty have led to social inaction even when evidence, e.g. the link between carbon emissions and global warming, stares us in the face. These narratives are the work of a small but influential scientists, engineers, and doctors who "manufacture doubt" and uncertainty—rarely intentionally though. We tend to think that if we can't see "it" and experts say "it" is safe we can be lulled into a false sense of security. Knowledge of that uncertainty might be important in decision making about where and what we should avoid.



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