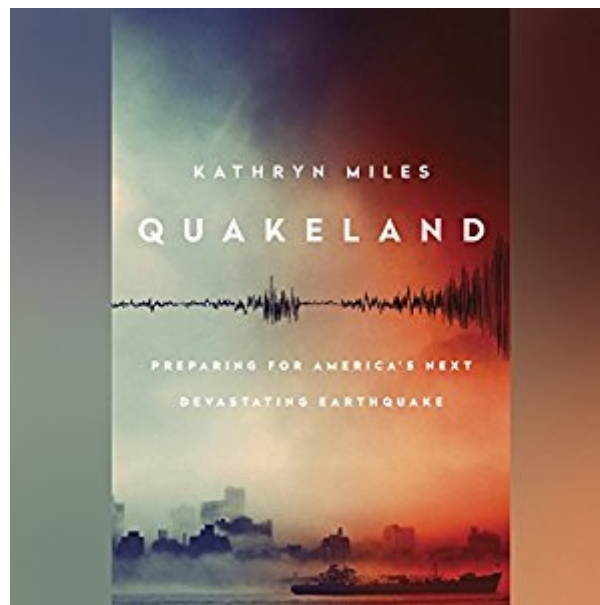




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Quakeland: On The Road To America's Next Devastating Earthquake



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Needs to be better researched. She states the last earthquake, above 2.0, to hit New York was in 1884. October 20, 1985 there was a 4.0 earthquake that rocked NYC.

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