Gresford: The Anatomy Of A Disaster

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Williamson, S. Gresford: The Anatomy of a Disaster (Liverpool University Press, 1999). This year was the eightieth anniversary of the Gresford colliery disaster, the memory of which is still felt by the community. The Anatomy of a Disaster (1999) was his book about the 1934 Gresford disaster, the memory of which is still felt by the community.


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