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Time: Hurricane Katrina: The Storm That Changed America



Synopsis

DESCRIPTION: On Sept. 2, 2005, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin issued a "desperate S.O.S." His city, one of America's most historic and gracious urban centers, had been devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Now 80% of it lay underwater, while some citizens huddled on rooftops waiting for rescue, and others turned the flooded streets into canals of anarchy. In the first decade of the 21st century, despair, disease and death had transformed a great American city into a scene of third-world privation, even as heroic rescue workers battled to save lives, restore order and aid the suffering. Now Time chronicles the story of the greatest natural disaster in U.S. history in Hurricane Katrina, An American Tragedy. Here, in stunning pictures and gripping first-hand accounts, is the terrible tale of Katrina's deadly wrath and savage aftermath. Here is America's Gulf Coast '97; from New Orleans to Biloxi and Gulfport, Mississippi '97; in ruins. Here are the struggling survivors and their valiant rescuers, the looters and the police who fought to control them, the homeless refugees who poured across the southeast and the resourceful agencies that took them in. It is an epic tale, told as only Time can tell it. Award-winning pictures reveal the scope of the disaster. Oral histories offer unforgettable accounts of nature's power and man's resourcefulness. Illuminating graphics show how hurricanes form '97; and why New Orleans flooded. Powerful reporting puts readers on the scene, while insightful analysis explores the questions left in Katrina's wake: could the tragedy have been prevented, and why was aid so late to arrive? Moving and informative, sweeping in scope and ringing with the voices of those who were there, Hurricane Katrina, An American Tragedy is the definitive account of a disaster that will haunt Americans for decades to come.

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Customer Reviews

While i agree with other reviewers that this book didn't present all the cities/towns that were affected, hurricane katrina was just so massive that i don't think any one book would be able to do it justice. Having said that, this book does attempt to give an overview of the destruction that occurred in MS/LA..particularly new orleans. As a new orleans resident myself, i missed most of the early coverage due to power outages that occurred as far away as baton rouge and jackson, MS. Having this book is a good reminder of what the nation saw and what the gulf coast lived through. The introduction was written by new orleans native wynton marsalis then goes to moving pictures of the disaster presented in a time line fashion--from when the storm first came ashore on aug 29 until weeks into the tragedy. It also offers graphical maps of the levee breaks, flood zones of new orleans showing almost the entire city underwater, and even myths that occurred during this hectic time. It devotes a small section to gulf coast MS which was horribly affected as well and a small section on the rescuers, volunteers and aftermath of the storm and the future of the gulf coast. The last pages were about hurricane rita and its affects on the region. This is a great book for a concise overview of this nationwide disaster. 5% of the proceeds go to red-cross relief efforts which i think should be higher. All in all, a worthwhile purchase...many of the pictures will be scenes that bring a tear to your eye and stay with you.

The photos and accounts delivered in this Time representation of Hurricane Katrina are invaluable. Bodies floating by houses, people trapped in their attics, the anger and frustration at the Superdome, the hope and good faith of the people searching for survivors. All of this is captured by great photojournalists and poignant captions. While some reviewers feel this book focuses on only two cities' ordeals with hurricane aftermath, I think the book captures what was happening in the worst cases. Having been published about a month after the occurrence, you can leave the job of chronicling the entire event to a sociologist or someone more apt to turn a profit rather than raise money for the Red Cross. This book was published so quickly that I found many typos, ("Sept. 29th" instead of "Aug. 29th" was printed way too many times, and "kids" instead of "kinds", things that spell check wouldn't catch, but an editor should have). With that in mind, I think the goal was raising money and portraying what this country let happen to its poor and elderly. Citizens don't build levees, governments do, and this government failed.

Having lived through the Hurricane Katrina (I worked through it at one of only 3 surviving hospitals in metro New Orleans), the pictures are so profound. It comes as close to representing what I experienced as can be represented by pictures. I highly recommend. This is one of two books that I've found that paint an accurate picture.

Like the Life One Nation: America Remembers September 11, 2001; Time: Hurricane Katrina: The Storm That Changed America is an in-depth look and heart-wrenching retell of the experiences of the Gulf Coast people during and after Hurricane Katrina. Photographers alike, from around the nation came to cover what would be the most costliest natural disaster in history as well as a few pages bite to her follow up storm, Rita.

It was a great gift for my husband who loves to learn about history. We were in New Orleans this summer and my husband saw a book about Katrina and planned to get it on our last day. Unfortunately we were running late for the airport so he thought he could just grab one at the airport but learned at one of the bookstores that they didn't carry them. It was great to find it online, he loved the surprise.

Great book for kids to browse before, during or after a lesson on catastrophic events. I teach 7th grade Science and it was a good book to leave around for the kids to look at.

This was a great source of information for a school project, each source had new information, but the toll on human life is unthinkable. Thank you for the quick shipment

This is not meant as a complete picture of the storm. It does give a good overview of Hurricane Katrina, how it happened etc. It is worth reading.

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