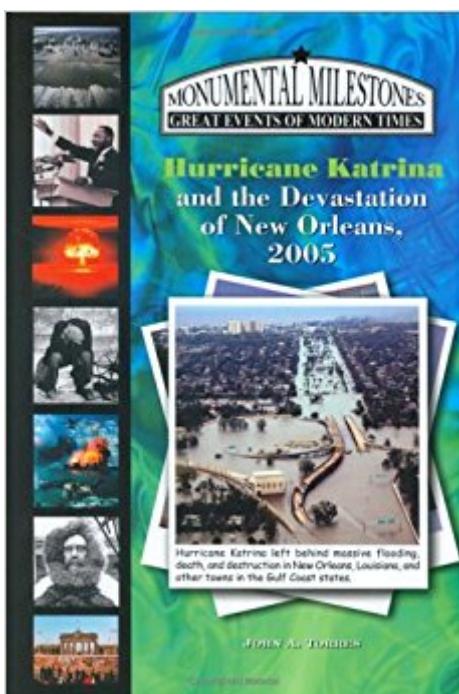


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Americans will long remember 2005 as the year Hurricane Katrina ripped through the Gulf Coast states, killing thousands and destroying everything in its path. Lives were changed forever. Once the hurricane passed, the city of New Orleans faced even more danger. The city's protective levees broke, and the streets began to flood. What followed was chaos. Thousands of people who had not evacuated before the hurricane now sought refuge at the Superdome and other emergency sites. They found these shelters without provisions, support, protection, or rescue as the country's relief efforts floundered with uncertainty. Violence, looting, and general lawlessness followed as desperate city residents felt abandoned by their country. Find out what happened and why, how rescue efforts were finally organized, and what the president promised for the city of New Orleans.

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Books in the Monumental Milestones series condense some of the big events of the last century--from the sinking of the Titanic to Watergate--into digestible form. This report of Katrina begins with an interview of a newlywed couple who lost everything in the hurricane. Chapters that cover the storm and its aftermath end with one page of background information, called FYInfo, on such topics as historic New Orleans, Hurricane Rita, and worldwide relief efforts. Although the

language is often unpolished, the narrative is direct; indeed, the text ends with a frank and emotional author's note written after his on-site research. Pictures, though small and sometimes muddy, are dramatic: thumbnails in newsreel fashion open the chapters. References are broad; included are some from both Salon.com and rightwingnuthouse.com. GraceAnne DeCandidoCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

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