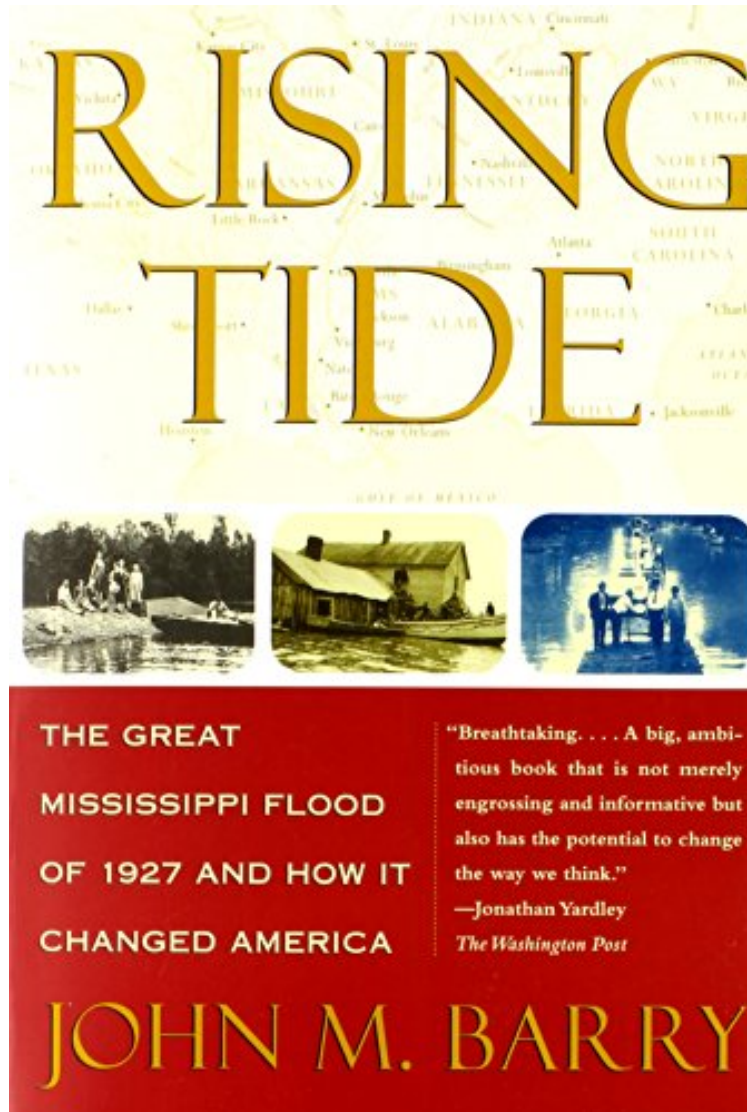


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turned out to be a more pivotal moment in American History that affect much more than the area that was flooded. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. One of the few books I've read three times and listened to as an audiobook. I'm working on a documentary about the Mississippi River. I've read the book three times and have listened to it as an audiobook. I've learned something new on each pass through it. I rarely give five stars to anything, but this deserves it. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An outstanding edition to any history library. By Old School I have had an interest in the Mississippi River since boyhood and I have a rather large collection of books about the river. *Rising Tide* is a great addition to that collection. Being pressed for time at the moment but not wanting to forget to post a review of this book, I will be brief. That works because the other reviews have said just about all that can be said about this fine book. I will say that the book's only flaw (if it can be called that) is also one of its strongest points. That is, that it often drifts off from subject to subject until the reader may almost forget that the book is about the great Mississippi flood of 1927. But that drifting is what gives the book such depth and it provides a wealth of information about our history, in general. We learn about the back-room dealings and political maneuvering of a wide range of powerful people. I learned a lot about New Orleans society that I had no idea about before. The story weaves itself into our entire history of an era. This is excellent reading for the history buff like myself or for the professional historian, having extensive lists of source material, notes, indexes, etc. Being a serious history buff, this book was like a huge odd-shaped puzzle piece that filled in many gaps in history. The river itself is really just a backdrop to a much larger and more important story that this book tells so well. I highly recommend this book.

An American epic of science, politics, race, honor, high society, and the Mississippi River, *Rising Tide* tells the riveting and nearly forgotten story of the greatest natural disaster this country has ever known -- the Mississippi flood of 1927. The river inundated the homes of nearly one million people, helped elect Huey Long governor and made Herbert Hoover president, drove hundreds of thousands of blacks north, and transformed American society and politics forever. A New York Times Notable Book of the Year, winner of the Southern Book Critics Circle Award and the Lillian Smith Award.

.com When Mother Nature rages, the physical results are never subtle. Because we cannot contain the weather, we can only react by tabulating the damage in dollar amounts, estimating the number of people left homeless, and laying the plans for rebuilding. But as John M. Barry expertly details in *Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 and How It Changed America*, some calamities transform much more than the landscape. While tracing the history of the nation's most destructive natural disaster, Barry explains how ineptitude and greed helped cause the flood, and how the policies created to deal with the disaster changed the culture of the Mississippi Delta. Existing racial rifts expanded, helping to launch Herbert Hoover into the White House and shifting the political alliances of many blacks in the process. An absorbing account of a little-known, yet monumental event in American history, *Rising Tide* reveals how human behavior proved more destructive than the swollen river itself. From Library Journal In the spring of 1927, America witnessed perhaps its greatest natural disaster: a flood that profoundly changed race relations, government, and society in the Mississippi River valley region. Barry (*The Transformed Cell*, LJ 9/1/92) presents here a fascinating social history of the effects of the massive flood. More than 30 feet of water stood over land inhabited by nearly one million people. Almost 300,000 African Americans were forced to live in refugee camps for months. Many people, both black and white, left the land and never returned. Using an impressive array of primary and secondary sources, Barry clearly traces and analyzes how the changes produced by the flood in the lower South came into conflict and ultimately destroyed the old planter aristocracy, accelerated black migration to the North, and foreshadowed federal government intervention in the region's social and economic life during the New Deal. His well-written work supplants Pete Daniel's *Deep'n as It Come: The 1927 Mississippi Flood* (1977) as the standard work on the subject. Recommended for public and academic libraries. -?Charles C. Hay III, Eastern Kentucky Univ. Libs., Richmond Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist The devastating Mississippi flood of 1927 certainly wrought changes in the U.S. on many levels: demographic (more than 1,000 died, over 900,000 were left homeless, and millions of African Americans migrated North); political (Huey Long was elected governor and Hoover president); governmental (the flood inspired New Deal-type policies as the federal government moved to stabilize the disaster); and societal (the plantation aristocracy was wiped out). Barry has fashioned an epic from this dramatic historic incident, beginning with the two egomaniacal engineers, James Buchanan Eads and Andrew Atkinson Humphreys, whose personal conflict over the river muddied, indeed, the system to control it, a problem which still exists. Moving on to the aristocratic family of Senator LeRoy Percy and his battle to control the flood, Barry gives the story depth and frames its multiple effects. And then there is the flood itself and the continuation of power struggles: "Whites liked to think a flood fight represented the best of the community . . . it simply reflected the nature of power." An informative work, interestingly told. Bonnie Smothers