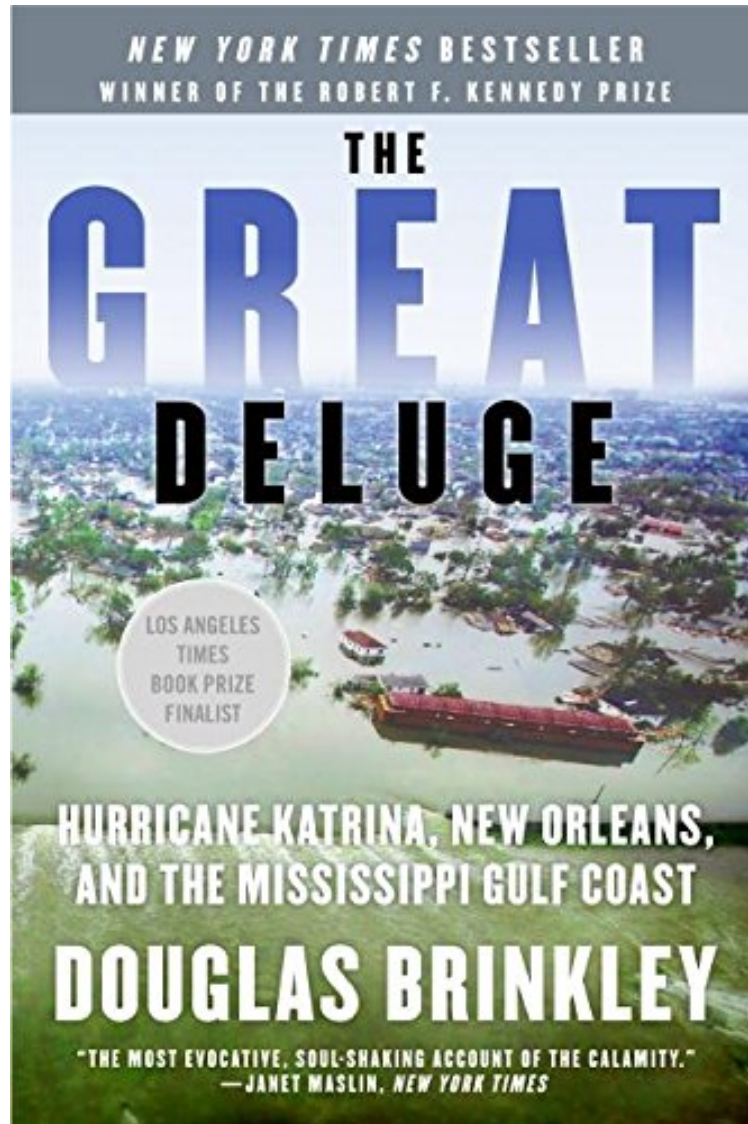


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**Douglas Brinkley : The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast:

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during and after those horrible days. Well written with just the right amount of righteous indignation, the indomitable spirit of the gulf states has a voice in this story. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A great history of Katrina: a story of heroics and infamy By Michael F. Weatherby An incredible story of what went on during Katrina and what roles the players, including heroes and villains, citizens and government employees, and the victims themselves. I highly recommend this book to anyone who wants to know what REALLY went on during one of this country's most notorious tragedies and how the denizens of New Orleans and the surrounding areas were treated by the storm...and the various entities that should have stepped up to this disaster, but did not! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. well written By Alien of the World There was almost no ONE thing that made this far worse than it should have been. It was so sad to see the pathetic response behavior from Nagin. I lived there prior to Katrina and it is simply unreal how such an incompetent (to put it mildly) city official could have ever been elected. Nagin has a long history of pathetic leadership and sadly he was mayor at a time they needed a great leader the most. I am hardly blaming him only but he was in 1st position to plan long before Katrina was even in the gulf. Sad. My family moved back, but I will only go to visit not during hurricane season, this was why I left. Thanks Brinkley - excellent research reporting without political bias, just the facts.

In the span of five violent hours on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina destroyed major Gulf Coast cities and flattened 150 miles of coastline. But it was only the first stage of a shocking triple tragedy. On the heels of one of the three strongest hurricanes ever to make landfall in the United States came the storm-surge flooding, which submerged a half-million homes—followed by the human tragedy of government mismanagement, which proved as cruel as the natural disaster itself. In *The Great Deluge*, bestselling author Douglas Brinkley finds the true heroes of this unparalleled catastrophe, and lets the survivors tell their own stories, masterly allowing them to record the nightmare that was Katrina.

.com Bestselling historian Douglas Brinkley, a professor at Tulane University, lived through the destruction of Hurricane Katrina with his fellow New Orleans residents, and now in *The Great Deluge* he has written one of the first complete accounts of that harrowing week, which sorts out the bewildering events of the storm and its aftermath, telling the stories of unsung heroes and incompetent officials alike. Get a sample of his story--and clarify your own memories--by looking through the detailed timeline he has put together of the preparation, the hurricane, and the response to one of the worst disasters in American history. From Publishers Weekly Historian Brinkley (*Tour of Duty*, etc.) opens his detailed examination of the awful events that took place on the Gulf Coast late last summer by describing how a New Orleans animal shelter began evacuating its charges at the first notice of the impending storm. The Louisiana SPCA, Brinkley none too coyly points out, was better prepared for Katrina than the city of New Orleans. It's groups like the SPCA, as well as compassionate citizens who used their own resources to help others, whom Brinkley hails as heroes in his heavy, powerful account and, unsurprisingly, authorities like Mayor Ray Nagin, Gov. Kathleen Blanco and former FEMA director Michael C. Brown whom he lambastes most fiercely. The book covers August 27 through September 3, 2005, and uses multiple narrative threads, an effect that is disorienting but appropriate for a book chronicling the helter-skelter environment of much of New Orleans once the storm had passed, the levees had been breached, and the city was awash in "toxic gumbo." Naturally outraged at the damage wrought by the storm and worsened by the ill-prepared authorities, Brinkley, a New Orleans resident, is generally levelheaded, even when reporting on Brown's shallow e-mails to friends while "the trapped were dying" or recounting heretofore unreported atrocities, such as looters defecating on property as a mark of empowerment. Photos. (May) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Bookmarks Magazine Professor of history and director of the Roosevelt Center at Tulane University, Douglas Brinkley, whose previous efforts include *The Boys of Pointe du Hoc* and *The Majic Bus*, brings an historical and personal perspective to bear on one of the first books to detail the Katrina disaster. Some critics point out factual errors and editorial lapses that detract from the author's valuable story, and Diane Jennings writes that Brinkley's book "will be among the earliest, but not among the best, books about the catastrophe." Others praise the author for his passion and the depth of his research and interviews with the individuals whose lives were most affected by the hurricane. The book's value, finally, will be weighed against future accounts of the tragedy, many of which are already in the works. Copyright © 2004 Phillips Nelson Media, Inc.