

KATRINA after the flood GARY RIVLIN

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Ten years after Hurricane Katrina made landfall in southeast Louisiana, journalist Gary Rivlin traces the storm's immediate damage, the city of New Orleans' efforts to rebuild itself, and the storm's lasting effects on one of this nation's great cities.

Much of New Orleans still sat under water the first time Gary Rivlin glimpsed the city after Hurricane Katrina. Four out of every five houses – 80 percent of the city's housing stock – had been flooded. Around that some proportion of schools and business were wrecked. People living in flooded areas of the city could not be expected to pay their property taxes for the foreseeable future. Nor would all those boarded-up business be contributing their share of sales taxes and other fees to the city's coffers. Meanwhile, cynics both in and out of the Beltway were questioning the use of taxpayer dollars to rebuild a city that sat mostly below sea level. How could the city possibly come back?

This book traces the stories of New Orleanians of all stripes—politicians and business owners, teachers and bus drivers, poor and wealthy, black and white—as they confront the aftermath of one of the great tragedies of our age.

“Deeply engrossing, well-written, and packed with revealing stories... A magnificently reported account of life in a broken, waterlogged city.”
— *Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

GARY RIVLIN is the award-winning author of *Fire on the Prairie, Drive By*, a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year; and *The Plot to Get Bill Gates*, among other works. A two-time Gerald Loeb Award winner, he has worked as a writer and reporter for the *New York Times*, *Industry Standard*, *East Bay Express*, and the *Chicago Reader*.

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