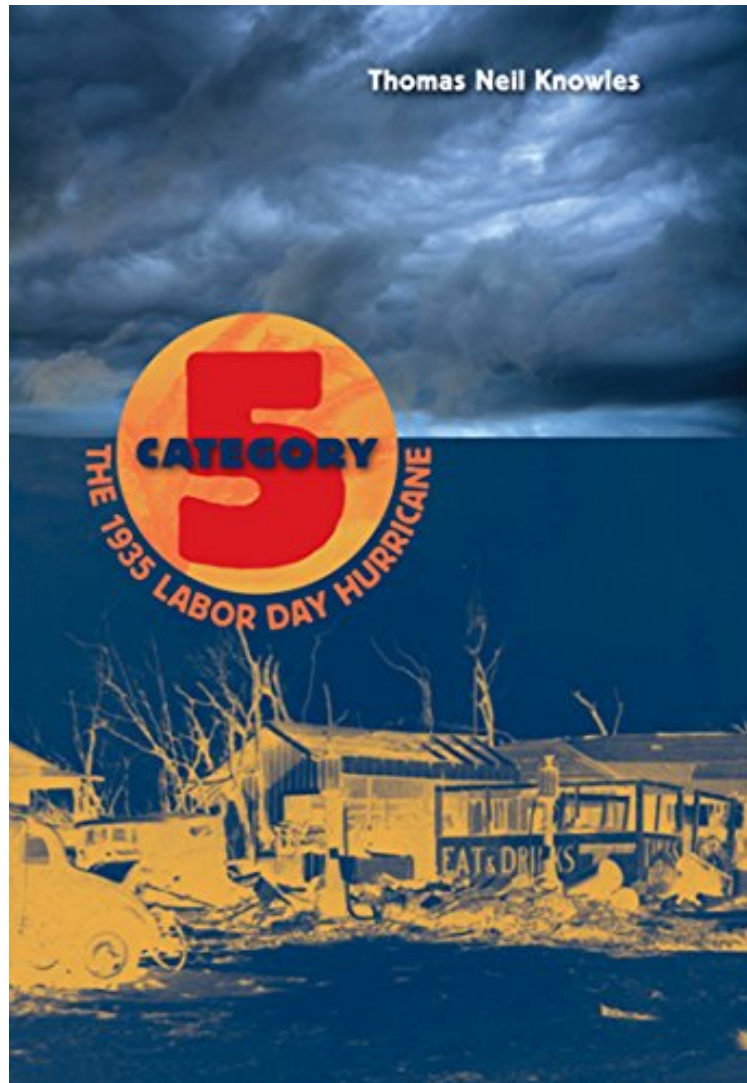


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Labor Day hurricane of 1935 By . Stephen Schuerger When I was in school the school board decided education in history was not really necessary and allowed them to lay off a teacher. I was floored and disappointed and fortunate that I had an excellent grounding in Early American History and Ancient

history so I never got Modern European history and my history education stopped at the end of WW 2. Fortunately they retained American Government until two years after my graduation and I got an excellent grounding in Western Civilization. I have always been an obsessive reader and over my adult years have spent much time catching up on the history I missed, since college was so Science focused. This book isn't only a hurricane thriller, it covers the Great Depression, the development of Meteorology as a Science as well as integrating it self in to our daily lives. Who would go anywhere without checking the weather these days? It covers the end of Hoovers Presidency, something most people know about. It brings to mind threads of our current situation. It also covers the beginning of FDR and his Great New Deal and how he was trying to get people back to work and bring the country back to stability and economic collapse. It also showed the tail end of prohibition and a strong picture of life under segregation. It was so much more than a book about a Cat. 5 hurricane in paradise. It was a strong picture of that, reminding us of Katrina and her destructive power, observations of hell and difficulty trying to convince people to evacuation ahead of time with restricted access and egress. These haven't become better. Only one road, and the railroad was never replace. I seem to remember somewhere recently that even with modern weather magic that to completely evacuate the Keys requires in excess of 48 hours. That's with all lanes open landward. There was no surge protection! There is none now. Estimated surges of 17, 18, to 25 feet. swept right over the islands. It's a gorgeous beautiful place, but you make you Make your peace with God if you decide to live there and make very flexible vacation plans if you go during storm season. I have to say the fishing is wonderful. I understand the fishing is awesome. Believe me this is not a spoiler alert. It is a great book, lots of action and no exaggerated sex scenes either. Even Ernest Hemingway pops up. The story is a tiny bit dated but enjoyable. It is a Snap shot of what it really like to look down the mouth of Hell with your family and make your decision to stand and stay. Or evacuation. This is a critical decision. Make it the right w2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The 1935 Florida Keys hurricane disaster By Uwater photographer I found this book to be a fast read, but also an interesting exercise in going back in time and appreciating what was like in the early 1900s in Florida. The author sets you up by going through the history of a number of Florida Key based families and the army vets stationed on the Keys. With much detail author explains the science that is meteorology and history of its evolution in the US government and of course the state of the art meteorologists and their equipment that end up in the Florida stations and the Keys. Knowles (the author) has clearly done his research on this subject and we get a full account of what the meteorologists thought was happening with the storm's path versus where the hurricane actually tracked (over the center part of the Florida Keys). You have to wind back the clock back to 1935 - no weather radar or phone apps to check the weather, no tv with people jumping up and down screaming storm of the century.... just a few radio reports and what was published in the local newspapers. Some lucky people had a radio and a barometer where they were personally tracking the air pressure trends themselves. Many people did not. The army bonus vets from WWI had none of this and the train that was suppose to evacuate them was too late to save them from the hurricane. A very different world from today. The author's final count put the death toll much higher than the 400 count that is typically published today. As sad and as large as it was, there were previous storms in Florida that were much worse (1800 lost in the early 1900s). 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Worthy of Your Time! By beachbugs I enjoyed this book very much. After having read extensively on the 1935 Labor Day Hurricane, I wasn't sure there would be anything new. I was quite surprised. There transcripts of interviews with the survivors are quite interesting. The time-line detail is excellent. My only issue with the book was the disconcerting way the author changed from past to present tense as he described certain scenes or narratives of survivors. This not a complaint because I think some readers my find this useful. As a historian, it was just a bit strange for me. The author did provide quotation marks for direct quotes from interviews or personal narratives and the bibliography is useful. If you have any interest in understanding how totally devastating a hurricane can be, read this book. You will enjoy it. As a Florida native with a number of hurricanes under my belt, the book generated some childhood memories.

A frightening account of the first Category 5 storm to strike the U.S. A gripping account. . . . Winds were so strong that they tore babies from the arms of their parents. Over four hundred people lost their lives, including over two hundred veterans of World War I. It was a tragedy that did not have to happen.--John Wallace Viele, author of *The Florida Keys: A History of the Pioneers* Makes for fascinating reading about a period of time when science, politics, and nature converged, resulting in disaster.--Rodney E. Dillon Jr., Vice President, Past Perfect Florida History, Inc. In the midst of the Great Depression, a furious storm struck the Florida Keys with devastating force. With winds estimated at over 225 miles per hour, it was the first recorded Category 5 hurricane to make landfall in the United States. Striking at a time before storms were named, the catastrophic tropical cyclone became known as the 1935 Labor Day Hurricane, and its aftermath was felt all the way to Washington, D.C. In the hardest hit area of the Florida Keys, three out of every five residents were killed, while hundreds of World War I veterans sent there by the federal government perished. By sifting through overlooked official records and interviewing survivors and the relatives of victims, Thomas Knowles pieces together this dramatic story, moment by horrifying moment. He explains what daily life was like on the Keys, why the veteran work force was there (and relatively unprotected), the state of weather forecasting at the time, the activities of the media covering the disaster, and the actions of government agencies in the

face of severe criticism over their response to the disaster. The Labor Day Hurricane of 1935 remains one of the most intense to strike Americas shores. Category 5 is a sobering reminder that even with modern meteorological tools and emergency management systems, a similar storm could cause even more death and destruction today.

Dramatic anecdotes about those affected by the hurricane play out within the context of U.S. weather service history, the on-again, off-again development of the Florida Keys, and Great Depression public works programs utilizing unemployed veterans. *Journal of Southern History*