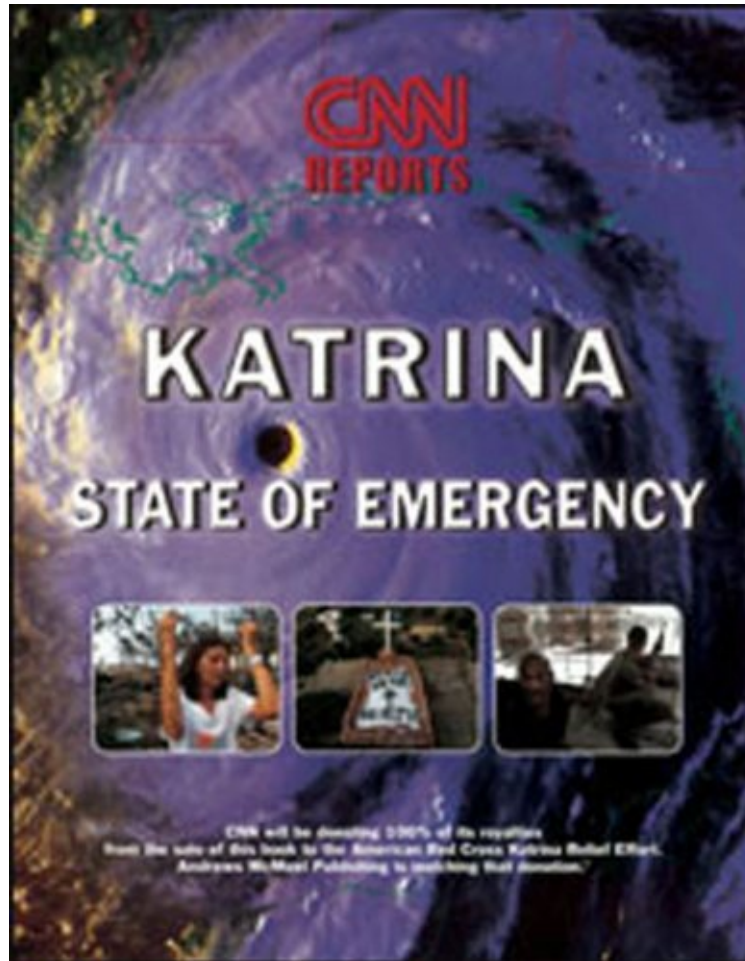


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4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. KatrinaBy M. J. HansonI am a Katrina survivor. I was there during and after the storm. First of all, many people do not know the facts. New Orleans is 12 feet below sea level not 7. Second the levees were contracted to be built to withstand a cat.3 hurricane. The core of engineers were the ones who built the levees wrong. Third the State of Louisiana asked for money to rebuild the levees many years ago. That money was denied. It was too expensive for the country. So now it cost many billions of dollars to rebuild the city. A fine example of our government! A large number of very poor people were not able to evacuate. They had no transportation. They had no relatives to go to as all their families were living in the same poor section of town as they were. They had no money to go to hotels or any other place. These people were forgotten and left to die. Their was no

disaster plan that stated how to evacuate the poor. Hundreds of school buses went underwater. These buses could have been used to evacuate the poor. I am ashamed to be a native of New Orleans. My city and state and country let us all down. The book is very good and describes the situation well. You really had to be there to see all the news and writers never saw. Many of us have left our home city, never to return. This is so sad!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Sad, but worth the read
By L. C Lipko
After visiting the areas most impacted by Katrina, I bought this book in the search for a better understanding. I highly recommend reading this if you are interested in a thorough day-day report of the events leading up to, during and after this tragedy. Basically, CNN did an excellent job in outlining how the local, state and federal government really dropped the ball. While each organization was either praising or blaming the other, people were floating in the streets. This is not a book that is easy to read, but I highly recommend it.

8 of 60 people found the following review helpful. Biased reporting.
By gwb1943
This book, like most written and portraying Hurricane Katrina, leads the reader to the conclusion that New Orleans is the only area devastated thereby. For anyone's information, New Orleans was on the West, or weak, side of Katrina. New Orleans was flooded because: 1) elevation there is about 7 feet BELOW sea level and 2) their levy system has NEVER been built to withstand cat 3 or greater storms. EVERY drop of rain that falls in New Orleans has to be pumped out, one way or the other. If the citizens of New Orleans had put more money into improving their levy system instead of the SuperDome, they might very well be living in dry and undamaged homes today instead of mourning their dead and trying to put their city back together. New Orleans will be rebuilt someday and I hope and pray that they have learned and benefited from this disaster and won't make the same mistakes again. If you want to read and look at a balanced book covering Hurricane Katrina, this isn't it.

CNN Reports: Katrina-State of Emergency provides a chronological account of the hurricane through a selection of CNN transcripts and photos documenting all facets of the disaster starting from past studies predicting such a tragedy to the path of the hurricane to the consequences surrounding the flooding and delayed rescue efforts. The book details events in New Orleans and along the Gulf Coast in the days before Hurricane Katrina made landfall and the subsequent weeks of those communities recovering from its destructive wake. The book includes first-hand accounts from many of the more than 200 CNN anchors, correspondents, and production members dispatched to Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, and Tennessee to cover the aftermath. CNN will donate all royalties to the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Fund, with AMP matching that donation.