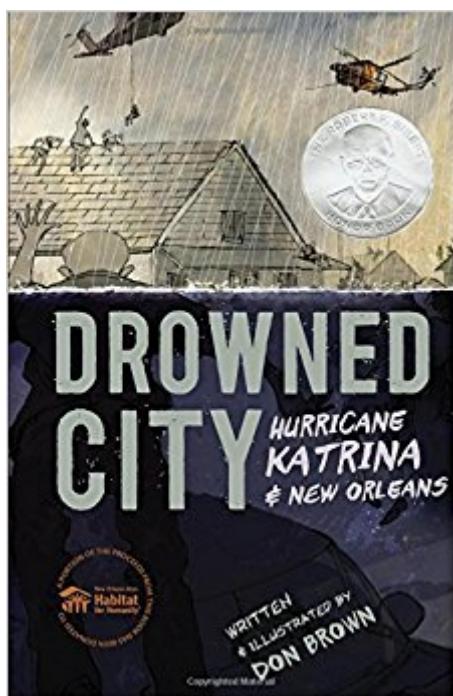


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# Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina And New Orleans (Ala Notable Children's Books. Older Readers)



## **Synopsis**

Kirkusâ™ Best of 2015 list School Library Journal Best of 2015 Publishers Weeklyâ™s Best of 2015 list Horn Book Fanfare Book Booklist Editor's Choice On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina's monstrous winds and surging water overwhelmed the protective levees around low-lying New Orleans, Louisiana. Eighty percent of the city flooded, in some places under twenty feet of water. Property damages across the Gulf Coast topped \$100 billion. One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three people lost their lives. The riveting tale of this historic storm and the drowning of an American city is one of selflessness, heroism, and courageâ"and also of incompetence, racism, and criminality. Don Brownâ™s kinetic art and as-it-happens narrative capture both the tragedy and triumph of one of the worst natural disasters in American history. A portion of the proceeds from this book has been donated to Habitat for Humanity New Orleans.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Gr 7 Upâ" A murky watercolor storm spreads across pages, darkening and becoming more ominous as it builds in Brown's deeply affecting look at Hurricane Katrina. Dynamic sketches capture

shocking scenes, such as residents fleeing down claustrophobic highways as the 400-mile-wide storm looms in a nearly completely dark spread. Brown depicts broken levees, flooded homes, and inhabitants scrabbling to not drown in their attics. A stunningly powerful spread shows water everywhere and two lone people trapped on a roof. The images demonstrate the utter devastation and despair while the at times spare text powerfully reveals the voices of the victims. The many failures of President Bush, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Mayor Ray Nagin, and others are repeatedly noted, as is the heroism of various organizations and ordinary people. Brown walks readers through the ghastly conditions at the Superdome, the horrors of hospitals with no electricity, and the nightmarish reality of dead bodies everywhere. The story becomes grimmer at every turn: ineffectual police and rescue efforts, looting, the lack of housing for rescued victims, and 5,000 missing children. The muted watercolors effectively capture the squalid and treacherous conditions of every inch of New Orleans. The final pages show the rebuilding efforts but note the lasting effects of vastly decreased populations. **VERDICT** This astonishingly powerful look at one of America's worst disasters is a masterful blend of story and art and a required purchase for all libraries.â "Amanda MacGregor, Great River Regional Library, St. Cloud, MN

\* "An excellent chronicle of the tragedy for a broad audience; children, teens, and adults will all be moved."â "Kirkus, starred review \*â "Lively, dynamic sketching gives the artwork a sense of urgency and immediacy. It is as important to tell the story of a nation's failures as it is to record its triumphs, and this is a crucial contribution."â "Publishers Weekly, starred review \* "Emotionally resonant, this outstanding title will appeal to graphic novel and nonfiction readers alike."â "Booklist, starred review \* "This astonishingly powerful look at one of America's worst disasters is a masterful blend of story and art."â "School Library Journal, starred review \* "If a book's power were measured like a storm's, this would be category five."â "Horn Book Magazine, starred review â œThis book could almost make its point on the powerful illustrations alone, but Brownâ 's precise language secures the historical details in an unforgettable way...â ^Drowned Cityâ "TM delivers a brave treatment of important and uncomfortable details.â •â "The New York Times Book Review Â

My son liked the book

Absolutely a fantastic graphic novel for upper elementary and middle school students.

This book is a good way for adults and kids to learn about hurricane Katrina and the damage caused. Also on how people had to live at a time like that.

Great book, wonderful format, easy to read and understand.

Heartbreaking and beautiful account of Katrina and the people and the city caught in its wake.

Incredible book. Warning, it's sad and has some really sad pictures, but it's very good and I think people need to be reminded of what happened.

love the graphics; easy to read and a higher likelihood of getting kids to read and learn about this event.

Very nice, informative, illustrative, an descriptive. Not too long or short. Good job.

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