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Scholastic Discover More Reader Level 2: Hurricane Katrina



Synopsis

A chronological narrative of one of the most destructive storms in US history. Hurricane Katrina was one of the worst hurricanes the United States has ever experienced. At the Tenth Anniversary of this tragic event this child-friendly account investigates the science behind the storm. A time line of events describes the lead-up to the hurricane, the subsequent floods and subsiding waters, and the rescue operations. Heroes and survivors tell their own tales of the cleanup and rebuilding efforts, and discuss their hopes for the future. With compelling themes, supporting facts, technical vocabulary, infographics, vivid maps and charts, and a variety of writing styles and text structures, Scholastic Discover More Readers are tailored to the new era of high expectations. The unique informational text reading levels have been developed and vetted by Scholastic reading experts.

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Customer Reviews

Gail Tuchman is the author of more than fifty books for children and adults, and almost as many stories and plays for children. She has been involved in book publishing since 1970 as a writer, editor, publisher, and photographer. She especially enjoys creating fiction and nonfiction books for children--she loves to make kids smile with her zany, humorous stories and to intrigue them into

learning more with her exciting, fact-filled nonfiction books. Gail has written several titles in the Scholastic Discover More Readers series. She lives in New York City.

I was really excited to get this book, because I love learning about natural disasters, and Hurricane Katrina is one of the most interesting because it is easy for me to relate to. I am from Florida and this disaster could easily have happened here. I learned a lot of new facts about how hurtful the storm was to the people of New Orleans, and how when the levees broke New Orleans was soon just a massive neighborhood wetland. My favorite part of this book was that the photos are of real life people and situations, instead of drawings. This helped me connect to the story and the people who were affected even more. The picture of the bent palm trees and the flooded neighborhood rooftops were amazing! This book would be good for boys and girls in grades kindergarten through second, however kindergarteners might need a little bit of help with some of the vocabulary. I gave this book 4 stars instead of 5 because for an advanced reader it would be better if it was longer and more detailed. Also, I think it would have been nice if the author added more information about how the recovery of New Orleans is going, since it is a newly published book but the disaster occurred over 10 years ago. Review by Lucy H., age 8, Tampa Bay Mensa

Gail Tuchman has done a superb job of explaining not only information about what hurricanes are, but about the particulars of Hurricane Katrina. Katrina was an important hurricane, and though there has been much national attention about its devastation, rescue, and rebuilding efforts, it is important for this story to reach children, too. Gail Tuchman has been able to do just this. Her writing helps bring the message to the children, and she helps them understand the scope of the events in a way that is realistic but gentle, and in a way that still carries hope. This book is a good reading tool for children, and it is a helpful addition to an important part of the history of the US. Whether specifically about New Orleans, or another city, this is a book that shows how things that may not directly effect us, can still effect us. This book spreads awareness and it encourages both active reading and active thinking. Quite highly recommended!

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