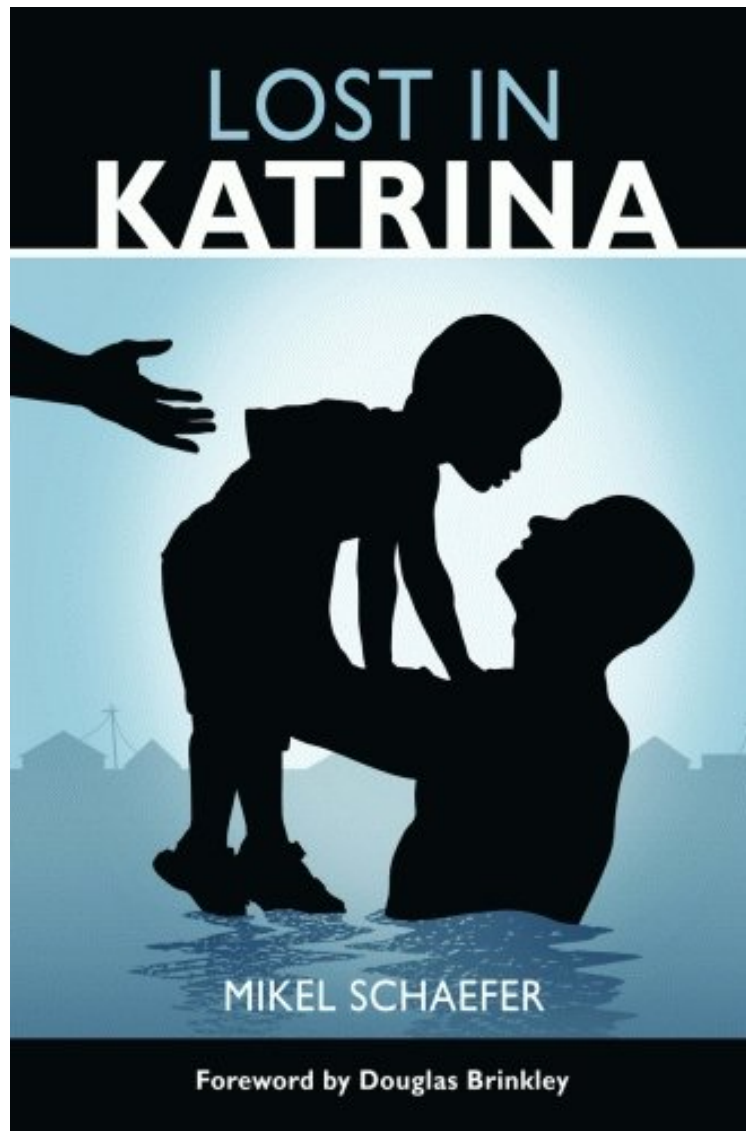


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Emotional first-person accounts tell of the destruction faced by one parish on August 29, 2005, and the days that followed. While attention and resources were focused on New Orleans, survival became the ultimate goal of the neighboring parish of St. Bernard. An unprecedented 99 percent of the parish was submerged in water and almost all buildings were destroyed. Each account is filled with the heartwrenching reality of a community lost and the strength it took to rise again.

From Publishers WeeklyStarred . In this powerful work, Schaefer talks with residents of the New Orleans parish he was raised in, St. Bernard, which was among the hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina, suffering a 25-foot storm surge that wiped out schools, businesses and thousands of homes. An executive producer at New Orleans CBS affiliate WWL-TV, Schaefer uses the residents' own words to tell harrowing, moving stories from the first seven days of the disaster. He includes personal stories from unsung heroes and average victims, as well as accounts of more well-known scenes of tragedy like St. Rita's Nursing Home, where 34 bodies were found. Alongside dozens of stories from the ground, Schaefer's day-by-day account also relates his own impressions as an eye-witness; for the better, he leaves criticism of the government's rescue effort between the lines, letting the deteriorating situation speak for itself. Among struggling rescue crews and government administrators, residents clinging to rooftops, undersupplied evacuees and ferocious weather (one evacuation center volunteer "kept waiting for the roof to get blown off"), Schaefer focuses on neighbors helping neighbors, ordinary folks doing the extraordinary and, of course, what the residents lost. Infuriating and inspiring, Schaefer's chronicle is a beautifully wrought up-close-and-personal examination of the worst natural disaster in recent American memory. With 7 maps and 46 photos. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.From the Publisher" 'Lost in Katrina' is powerful! It is the human experience during the worst storm in America's history. Mike Schaefer has captured the stories of those who not only miraculously survived, but went on to become heroes." --Angela Hill, WWL-TV anchor, New Orleans "Mike Schaefer listens. And because he listens so well, we get to hear the real stories of Katrina and St. Bernard Parish. I've seen the aftermath there with my own eyes and thought what must it have been like when the storm hit, when the floods came? Now we know. And what a story." --Harry Smith, CBS News "When friends ask me what Katrina was really like, this is the book I'll recommend to them. The individual stories Mike tells, of survival and loss, desperation and heroism, perfectly capture the unreal chaos that was Katrina. Even if, like I did, you think you know all about the storm and its aftermath, you'll find something new, and, no doubt, inspiring, in this book." --Tracy Smith, CBS News correspondentFrom the Inside FlapTucked away in the marshes of southeast Louisiana lies St. Bernard Parish. Home to nearly seventy thousand residents prior to a direct hit by Hurricane Katrina, St. Bernard was devastated by floodwater when the levees protecting the parish broke under the storm's power.This is St. Bernard's story in the crucial hours leading up to the storm and the frightening day it made landfall. As the rest of the world watched the horrors emerge on television, ordinary people performed extraordinary feats to save friends and family as their streets turned into rivers and their homes disappeared beneath the waves.Heart-wrenching and painfully honest, Lost in Katrina tells the stories of the average men and women of St. Bernard Parish who became heroes in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Mikel Schaefer moved to St. Bernard Parish when he was ten years old and spent his formative years there with the values, culture, and passion for life found in the small, little-known parish.After graduating from the University of New Orleans with a bachelor of arts degree in communications, Schaefer worked as a sports producer, assignment editor, and executive producer at WWL-TV, the CBS affiliate in the Greater New Orleans Area.Schaefer is deeply passionate about his region and preserving the culture Katrina nearly destroyed. He lives in Metairie, Louisiana, and works as the assistant news director of WWL-TV. In the aftermath of the storm, Schaefer was part of a news team that received the Peabody, Columbia Dupont, and National Edward R. Murrow awards for their efforts in covering Hurricane Katrina.