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# 10 True Tales: Heroes Of Hurricane Katrina (Ten True Tales)



## Synopsis

Donald Colletti and Jimmy Pitre are forced to flee their flooded houses as Hurricane Katrina devastates their beloved city of New Orleans. But rather than seek shelter, the two brave men put their lives on the line to rescue hundreds of their neighbors. As Coast Guard helicopter 6514 is buffeted by severe winds, rescue swimmer Laurence Nettles is lowered into the dangerous waters with one goal in mind -- save the lives of a family with an infant who are stranded in a damaged boat. Cut off from outside help for days, the valiant medical staff at Lindy Boggs Medical Center -- which is cut off by rising floodwaters and crippled by a power failure -- fight desperately to keep more than 100 patients alive. These and other real-life heroes risked their lives to save others during Hurricane Katrina, the most catastrophic natural disaster in United States history. You will never forget their courageous true stories.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Allan Zullo is the author of more than 100 nonfiction books on subjects ranging from sports and the supernatural to history and animals. He has introduced readers to the Ten True Tales series, gripping stories of extraordinary persons who have met the challenges of dangerous, sometimes

life-threatening, situations. In addition, he has authored four books about the real-life experiences of young people during the Holocaust. Allan, the father of two grown daughters and grandfather of five, lives with his wife, Kathryn, near Asheville, North Carolina. To learn more about the author, visit his website at [www.allanzullo.com](http://www.allanzullo.com).

My child has read most of this series, minus the haunted ones, and now I get to hear him respond to stories I've lived through or heard about. I love that he's asking for books and excited about reading.

An excellent book and easy to read. Chapter Two about the Coast Guard was my favorite.

Great book about real heroes. Parents are way overprotective of their kids these days, creating the most afraid future generation of adults ever. So, we may see less real life heroes with this coming generation. I wanted to give the book 5 stars, but had to take off a star due to fake news reporting on the back cover. Hurricane Galveston on Sept. 8th, 1900 is the most catastrophic natural disaster in U.S. history. It's not Hurricane Katrina.

It's hard to believe that it's been ten years since Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans. Having visited there a few times in the last two years, it's even harder to believe. From an outsider's point of view, New Orleans is alive with culture and promise, but just ten years ago, some of the most horrific destruction to hit the United States threatened everything the Crescent city symbolized. So a book like Zullo's is a reminder of what occurred when Katrina hit and the levees broke. Even after we saw the destruction and the rising death toll on national television, being there, going through with people did to survive, will never really mean as much to the onlookers as the survivors. While there are thousands of tales of bravery, these ten stand out because they represent people from all walks of life, all ages, and for all different reasons. The first story is one of my favorites in the book because it doesn't just rely on courage and bravery to tell the story. Donald Colletti decided to stay behind and protect his business while he sent his family to Texas to escape the storm. While the immediate aftermath was deadly, the floods that resulted from the broken levees forced Donald out of his home. Luckily he planned to have his boat full of gas and ready in case the worst happened. Realizing his home was going to be completely underwater, Donald takes his dog and his treasured photographs and hops on his boat. Hearing his neighbor Jimmy and Jimmy's mother's cries for help, Donald immediately rescues them. Unfortunately, Jimmy's mother does not survive, as she was already in ill health, and the trauma of the hurricane was too much. Despite her death, Donald

and Jimmy spend countless hours rescuing people whose screams echoed into the night, keeping them from sleeping. Braving injury and infection, both men work tirelessly until other rescuers obtain boats. And this is only one of the ten tales. Inside the book, you will find courage, bravery, compassion, and most importantly, the desire to do good. From a coast guard helicopter pilot to a woman in Charleston, S.C., these heroes need to be recognized, read about, and remembered. Not only did these heroes and heroines rescue people but the thousands of animals who were reluctantly left behind or tragically abandoned by their owners. Each tale is equally mesmerizing, and for younger readers, the tales are short and to the point in near perfect storytelling. As an adult who remembers Katrina, it makes me wish I would have, or could have, done something to help, but I'm glad to know that there were so many others who did what most of couldn't do. Zullo paints pictures that we didn't see on TV, and ones that will never be forgotten. [www.reviewscomingatya.com](http://www.reviewscomingatya.com)

Hurricane Katrina was one of the top 5 deadliest hurricanes in the U.S. It killed approximately 1,833 people, and caused 81 billion dollars of damage. Many people died trapped in their homes, or drowned in the flood. Even though so many people died, even more lives would have been lost if it weren't for these 10 heroes, who risked their own lives to save their town. One story specifically caught my attention: Jane Garrison didn't rescue people, but rescued pets. Many people left their pets in their homes with small containers of food and water. This was not nearly enough. Jane and her crew went door to door and looked for any sign of animals. If she found animals she brought them to Lamar Dixon, a special shelter for animals that had survived the storm. After some time, she was no longer allowed to bring animals to the shelter unless they were in critical condition. When she couldn't rescue them she would leave food and water for them, and mark the house with an "X" so that if the shelter did allow more animal, she would know to come back. I enjoyed reading this book because it was interesting to learn about the historic storm from each rescuer's point of view. All of the men and women in this book were very brave, and put their life on the line to help others. They all deserve the title of a hero. Charlotte Z., age 11, Southern Connecticut Mensa

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