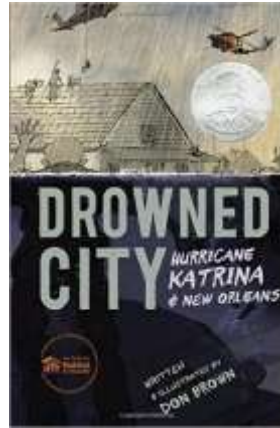




## Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans

The riveting tale of this historic storm and the drowning of an American city is one of selflessness, heroism, and courage—and also of incompetence, racism, and criminality. Don Brown’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.



Source: [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com)



About the author:

Don Brown is the award-winning author and illustrator of many picture book biographies. He has been widely praised for his resonant storytelling and his delicate watercolor paintings that evoke the excitement, humor, pain, and joy of lives lived with passion. School Library Journal has called him “a current pacesetter who has put the finishing touches on the standards for storyographies.” He lives in New York with his family.

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### Read aloud tips:

- Introduce/review the elements of a graphic text.
- Using the resources in the back of the book provide a context for Hurricane Katrina
- Introduce the book, author and illustrations.
- Be creative in ways to read this book aloud as it ties into science, history & social studies (and of course brings out issues of social justice).
- Set the tone for classroom discourse surrounding civil rights and social justice.
- Think about ways that issues could be debated as a class (use the debate centers).

### Additional information:

“An excellent chronicle of the tragedy for a broad audience; children, teens, and adults will all be moved.” —[kirkusreviews.com](http://kirkusreviews.com)

“This book could almost make its point on the powerful illustrations alone, but Brown’s precise language secures the historical details in an unforgettable way.” —[nytimes.com](http://nytimes.com)

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