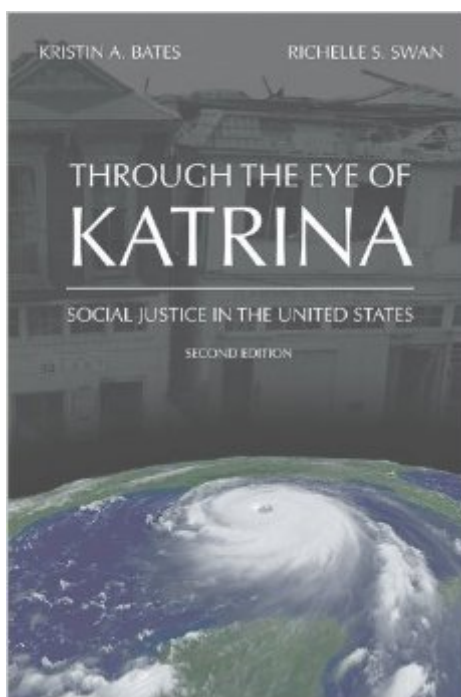


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The events surrounding Hurricane Katrina offer a remarkable case study of the continuing social divide in the United States. This book includes scholarly articles examining the continued struggle for social justice from the perspectives of communication, criminology, education, ethnic studies, history, justice studies, law, political science, and sociology. This multidisciplinary case study approach is a highly effective way of helping readers understand contemporary debates about social justice including the roles of historically persistent structural inequality, racism and classism, media portrayals of life changing events, government reactions and responsibilities in the face of crises, and the role of public policy and activism in response to social injustice. The collection of articles is divided into three sections representing the causes of, consequences of, and responses to social injustice as illustrated through the case study of Hurricane Katrina. The first section, *Images from the Past: Social Justice and Hurricane Katrina in Context* examines the structural inequality and cultural divisions in the United States that make a just response to disaster difficult. The second section, *Images of the Disaster: Reactions to Hurricane Katrina*, offers analyses of the continuing struggle for social justice in the face of such an event as Hurricane Katrina. The third section, *Images of the Future: Policy, Activism, and Justice*, focuses on public policy and activism responses for a more just society. This second edition includes new chapters on the gender analysis of disaster recovery work and the implementation of socially just post-disaster urban planning efforts. In addition, the introductory and concluding chapters have been significantly rewritten to include expanded theoretical analyses of both the meaning of social disasters and the policy implications for social disasters in the United States.

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