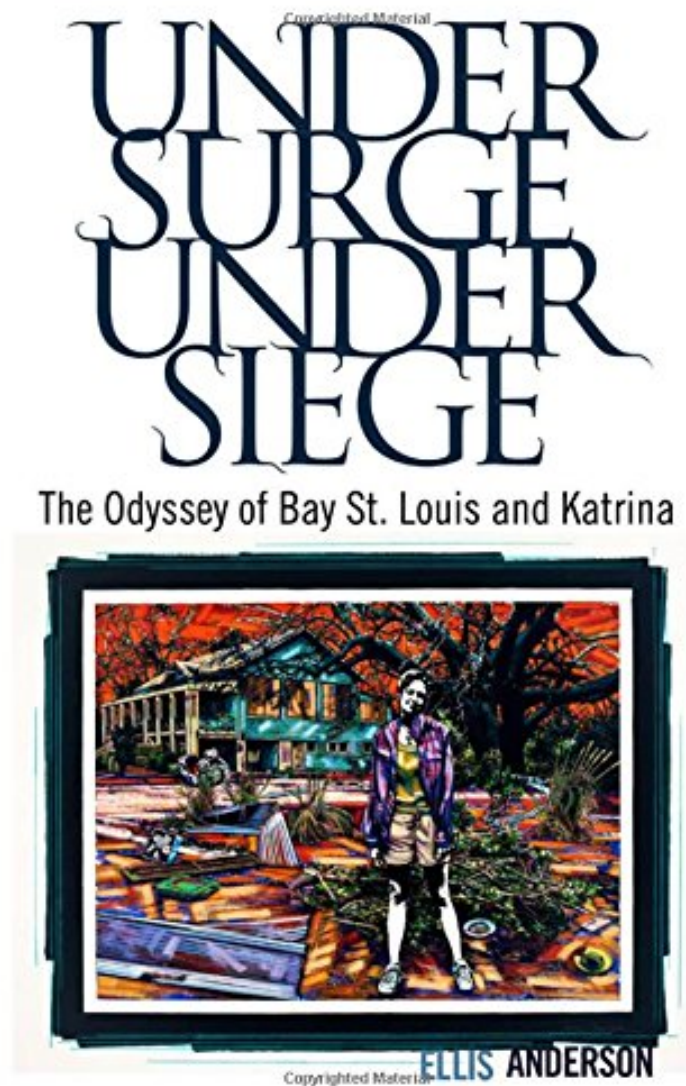


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Absolute MUST READ! Incredible book!By Vol FanAfter visiting the area recently, I became interested in their history and what really happened during Katrina. This book was

amazing. Best I've read about Katrina and what residents really went through, during the storm and the aftermath. So many emotions, heartwarming, heartbreaking, uplifting. It just has every emotion that will keep you captivated. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Courage, compassion, and laughter in the face of disaster. By Janna Zonder Ellis Anderson has written the definitive account of Hurricane Katrina's devastation of her hometown of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and the surrounding area. She eloquently, and with great compassion, documents the loss of her neighbors' lives and homes, and the disturbing incompetence and indifference of the federal government. At the same time, Anderson has created a beautiful work of art. "Under Surge, Under Siege" reads like a novel. By the end of the book, I had grown to love the colorful, resilient people living in Anderson's picturesque village by the sea. I was inspired by their courage and their commitment to each other's survival. I wanted to know these people. I wanted them to be my neighbors. Most of all, I wanted Katrina to turn away and blow out to sea rather than destroy a town I had fallen in love with. I grieved along with Ellis Anderson at the devastating loss. "Under Surge, Under Siege" perfectly illustrates the destructive power of nature, and the equally powerful resilience of the human spirit to pick up and move forward with compassion, humor, and, sometimes, grim determination alone. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Splendid Writing, really tells the story. By Margie Read Reading this book is more than just a review of a great tragedy which happened to our area in 2005. And it is far more than the television flashbacks still being aired of Hurricane Katrina. New Orleans got so much coverage from damage, not from Katrina, but from the flawed and broken levees, that the rest of the country may not even realize how devastated the Mississippi Gulf Coast was. For those of us who were in the midst of Katrina, this book is a tremendously emotional experience that takes us back to the monster winds and rising tides. While we were a little farther removed from the eye of Katrina than the author, we nevertheless sat in the heat and dark with friends listening to the wind and hearing the trees fall around us. We said very little as we realized what a perilous position we were in. We were later to find out the worst--that the friends' house in Waveland, MS and everything in it had disappeared from the face of the earth. Our lives were spared but we had a long road ahead of us. I had to stop reading this book at times when it brought back details so vivid, I could still feel the sadness and the terror, feel the heat and humidity and hear the noise of the wind and realize our way of life was being blown away in this storm; and that it will take years to rebuild and still never really be the same again. Even now to drive along the Mississippi coast is to see countless "steps to nowhere" on lot after lot. But the people are courageous and hopeful and much rebuilding has taken place. The area is recovering even though it will never again be the same, and the determination is to make it ever better. But we will never forget Katrina, and even if our memory should fog, we have Under Surge, Under Siege to carry us back to that awful period in September, 2005. A commendable job of excellent writing. Thanks, Ellis.

Winner of the 2010 Eudora Welty Book Prize and the Mississippi Library Association's Nonfiction Author's Award for 2011, *Under Surge, Under Siege* was also short-listed as Nonfiction finalist for the 2012 William Saroyan International Book Prize, Stanford University Libraries. *Under Surge, Under Siege* shows how Hurricane Katrina tore into Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, raking away lives, buildings, and livelihoods in a place known for its picturesque, coastal views; its laid-back, artsy downtown; and its deep-dyed southern cordiality. The tragedy also revealed the inner workings of a community with an indomitable heart and profound neighborly bonds. Those connections often brought out the best in people under the worst of circumstances. In *Under Surge, Under Siege*, Ellis Anderson, who rode out the storm in her Bay St. Louis home and sheltered many neighbors afterwards, offers stories of generosity, heroism, and laughter in the midst of terror and desperate uncertainty. Divided into two parts, this book invites readers into the intimate enclave before, during, and after the storm. "Under Surge" focuses on connections between residents, and then it demonstrates how those bonds sustained them through the worst hurricane in U.S. history. "Under Siege" documents the first three years of the grinding aftermath, detailing the unforeseen burdens of stress and depression, insurance scandals, and opportunists that threatened to complete the annihilation of the plucky town. A blend of memoir, personal diary, and firsthand reportage, *Under Surge, Under Siege* creates a compelling American testament to the strength of the human spirit.

At last, from the perspective of the beleaguered Mississippi Gulf Coast, a vivid account of courage in the face of Hurricane Katrina and community commitment in its grim aftermath. Curtis Wilkie, author of *Dixie: A Personal Odyssey Through Events That Shaped the Modern South* Ellis Anderson's *Under Surge, Under Siege: The Odyssey of Bay St. Louis and Katrina* is a beautifully rendered account of a catastrophic event. Every page is filled with sorrow followed by a flash of inspiration! Douglas Brinkley, professor of history at Rice University and author of *The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast* A heart-gripping, beautifully written story of everyday valor and crafted kinship in a small Gulf Coast community in the path of Katrina's fury, *Under Surge, Under Siege* tells of historic Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and its living web of heroism and fortitude in the wake of a 35-foot tsunami and a second wave of destruction in the form of unresponsive government, irresponsible insurance companies, and greedy developers. Ellis Anderson's powerful saga of trouble and triumph washes over us like a tidal wave. Minrose Gwin, author of *The Queen of Palmyra* and *Wishing for Snow* From the Author While the world

watched the horrors of Katrina unfold from afar, Ellis Anderson was writing from the heart of the storm's fury in a small Mississippi coastal town. Part One, "Under Surge," is her on-the-ground account that pulls readers through the horrific winds and record storm surge that scoured the state's coast. For the next three years, Anderson documented the bizarre circumstances of everyday life in the devastated town in what became Part Two: "Under Siege." Writing from her historic home as it underwent repairs and served as a shelter for survivors and volunteers, "Under Siege" details the many unexpected long-term impacts of the disaster. Throughout the book, journalism, interviews with fellow survivors, and excerpts from the writer's personal journal are combined to reveal the miraculous healing powers of community spirit. Winner of the 2010 Eudora Welty Book Prize and the 2011 Mississippi Library Association's Nonfiction Author's Award, it was also short-listed as Nonfiction finalist for the 2012 William Saroyan International Book Prize, Stanford University Libraries. About the Author Ellis Anderson of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, received a Mississippi Arts Commission Literary Fellowship for portions of this book. An excerpt appeared in *Southern Cultures*.