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Hurricane Harvey’s Aftermath: Place, Race, and Inequality in Disaster Recovery

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Hurricane Harvey was one of the worst American natural disasters in recorded history. It ravaged the Texas Gulf Coast, and left thousands of people homeless in its wake. Drawing on interviews from more than 350 survivors, authors Kevin M. Fitzpatrick and Matthew L. Spialek trace the experiences of individuals and their communities, both rich and poor, urban and rural, white, Latinx, and Black, and how they navigated the long and difficult road to recovery after Hurricane Harvey. From Corpus Christi to Galveston, they paint a vivid, compelling picture of heartache and destruction, as well as resilience and recovery, as survivors slowly begin rebuilding their lives and their communities.

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Kevin M. Fitzpatrick

Kevin M. Fitzpatrick is University Professor of Sociology and Criminology at the University of Arkansas. He is the author and editor of many books, including, with Mark LaGory, “Unhealthy Cities: Poverty, Race, and Place in America.”

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Matthew L. Spialek is an assistant professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Arkansas.

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