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Praise for Kathleen Koch, author of *Rising from Katrina: How My Mississippi Hometown Lost It All and Found What Mattered*

“Kathleen Koch’s efforts in the national media ensured the Mississippi Gulf Coast was not forgotten. Time and time again, she reiterated the message that Katrina came ashore where we both grew up in Hancock County, Mississippi. We will always be thankful to all the volunteers that gave of their time and resources to help. The random acts of kindness you will hear about in the book can’t help but renew your faith and humble you at the same time. Kathleen captures the challenges, victories, and can-do attitude the people of the Mississippi coast exhibited after this horrible disaster. It is a great read!”

Brett Favre, NFL great and Mississippi Gulf Coast native

“Kathleen Koch saw it all firsthand and made sure the world saw what was happening to the town and the people she knew so well. It’s been five years, but Kathleen has continued to follow what’s happened in that town, and to those people. In these pages, she tells their story and her own deeply personal one. A story of survival and resilience, courage and compassion. It is a story none of us should ever forget.”

Anderson Cooper, anchor of CNN’s AC360°

“As a longtime Bay St. Louis citizen, one whose house along the Jordan River got washed away by The Beast, I read Kathleen Koch’s extraordinary *Rising from Katrina* with keen interest. A first-rate reporter, Koch got all the harrowing details exactly right: death-rattle winds, raging storm tide, flying metal debris, and the god-awful feeling of rank abandonment. An all-around excellent memoir of Mississippi—too often forgotten—during the deluge of 2005. Read it and weep.”

*Douglas Brinkley, professor of history at Rice University and author of
The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast*

“We lost our North Beach Boulevard home—three stories and ten thousand square feet, now a brick slab—and all our life treasures to the natural forces of Katrina. Kathleen Koch’s book tells the continuing story of Katrina’s effect on the lives of so many. It will be a favorite among those documenting Katrina’s unprecedented destruction. Thank you, Kathleen! It really hit home.”

*Clarinetist Pete Fountain and his wife, Bev,
who found Katrina no great respecter of jazz legends*



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