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Floodlines is a firsthand account of community, culture, and resistance in New Orleans. The book weaves the stories of gay rappers, Mardi Gras Indians, Arab and Latino immigrants, public housing residents, and grassroots activists in the years before and after Katrina. From post-Katrina evacuee camps to torture testimony at Angola Prison to organizing with the family members of the Jena Six, *Floodlines* tells the stories behind the headlines from an unforgettable time and place in history.

Jordan Flaherty is a writer and community organizer based in New Orleans. In addition to his award-winning post-Katrina journalism, he was the first journalist with a national audience to write about the Jena Six case and played an important role in bringing the story to the attention of the world. He has produced news segments for Al-Jazeera, TeleSur, and *Democracy Now!* and appeared as a guest on a wide range of television and radio shows, including CNN's *American Morning*, *Anderson Cooper 360*, *CNN Headline News*, *GRITtv*, *Keep Hope Alive with Reverend Jesse Jackson*, and both local and nationally syndicated shows on National Public Radio.

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