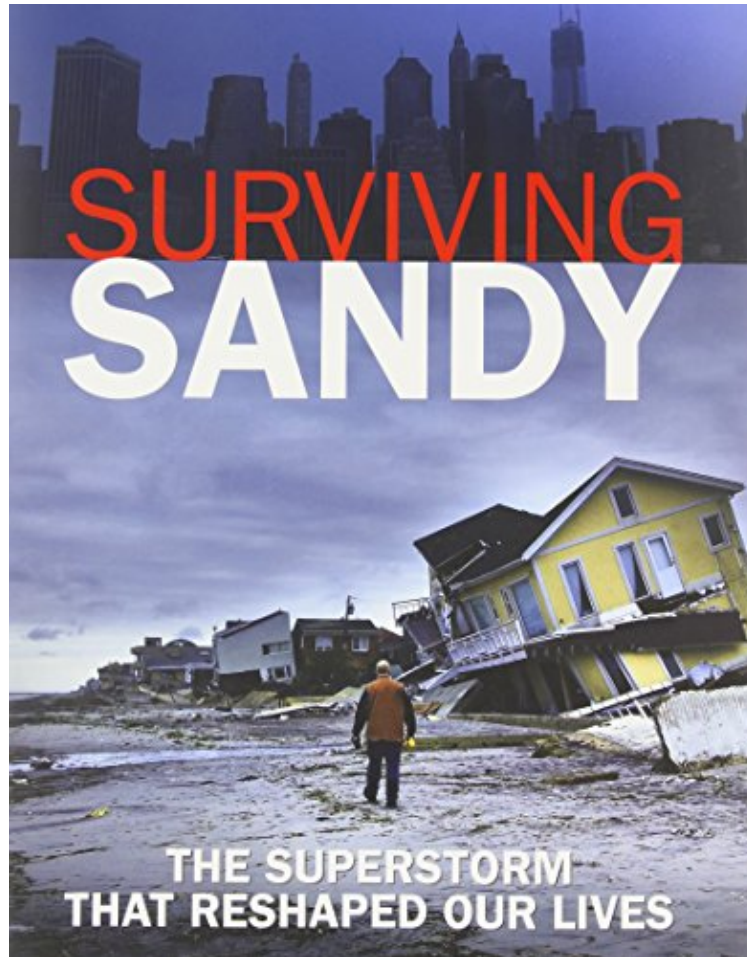


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"Surviving Sandy: The Superstorm That Reshaped Our Lives" is a book with many facets. Hurricanes are certainly not new to North America. We have agencies that model the seasonal expectations before the first tropical systems show up on the radar. There are satellites announcing the formation of each one, and tracking their courses from the coast of Africa to the islands of the Caribbean, and on to the coasts of the U.S. and Mexico. Our government has a fleet of aircraft designed to travel above and into these systems to provide the most accurate readings of what each storm is 'planning' to do. We have a host of computers - both at the NOAA's National Hurricane Center and elsewhere - measuring, tracking, modeling and forecasting: the best of man's capabilities doing the most possible to advise and protect. Why, then, such widespread devastation, over and over and over again? The fact is, every storm - like every snowflake - has a distinct design and pattern of its own: Sandy stands as perfect proof of this fact. As the book will tell you, there are five categories of hurricanes in the system developed in the 1970's - the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale - to measure the types of damage likely, based on the intensity of a storm (its barometric pressure, anticipated wind speeds, and potential storm surges along the coastlines). Categories 3 to 5 on the scale are considered "major" storms, with sustained winds over 110 miles per hour. But, Sandy defied the best predictions. While only a Category 1 hurricane - the lowest category to be considered a hurricane - it came with a mind of its own. Most storms traversing the east coast move in a northeasterly direction and finally wear themselves out over the North Atlantic. Not Sandy, - Sandy followed the northeasterly pattern until it passed the Carolinas, then turned northwest until it made landfall with a broadside to Atlantic City around 8pm on October 29, 2012. From there it meandered across New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Western New York State, Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, and finally wore itself out, north of Toronto, in northern Ontario, - scattering wind, rain and snow (yes, - snow: up to three feet in some parts of West Virginia, on October 31, 2012, - just another unplanned side effect of Sandy). What "Surviving Sandy" will give the reader is incredible coverage - both in pictures and real life stories - of the breadth of unexpected factors that can arise, even in the face of the best laid plans. It describes, in depth, the awesome, grueling efforts of our first responders and our emergency management personnel, - using every available resource under their hands. But, it also includes many heart-warming stories of people helping people, - ordinary citizens putting their lives and their resources on the line: why? because of the innate feeling of compassion that springs up where helpless victims are crying for assistance. And, "Surviving Sandy" gives the reader more than that... Consider this: when you read the stories of survivors, put yourself in their shoes: if you and your town were confronted with what upended their lives, what should you think about now - beforehand - that might save lives and lessen losses? "Surviving Sandy" is a useful 'handbook' of experience for anyone - mayor, hospital administrator, EMS responder, firefighter, policeman, dad or mom, or anyone else - what plans should you make, now? We'll never stop hurricanes from coming, - or other disasters, either - but we can keep working together to develop and share tools, like "Surviving Sandy" to aid in disaster preparedness.

From the Author AMBIENT FUNDING CORP. is the Corporate Author of "Surviving Sandy: The Superstorm That Reshaped Our Lives"; but, behind AMBIENT stands the 'army' of students, family and friends of the PASCACK VALLEY LEARNING CENTER who put heart and soul into support of the rescue and recovery efforts at the time of the storm, and subsequently collected the brilliant pictures and awesome stories of devastated victims and the brave first responders and citizen volunteers that deflected the full force of the storm's bludgeoning blow. Every life is of unquantifiable value, and we mourn the lives lost in the storm, but the tireless efforts of so many, truly reduced those losses to a minimum. Financial losses were much greater - one of the worst totals in history. The practical impact of these factors - seen firsthand and close up - made an enormous impression on the students and families that became the force behind the book's ultimate development. When a school is really the 'author' (AMBIENT is the school's charitable fundraising arm), the lessons of an experience like Hurricane Sandy are unsurpassed: young people and their parents and friends are confronted with the realities of others losing everything: where tomorrow is a new day for them, and they are starting over from the first square. One fourteen-year-old who was engaged in gathering stories for the book, provided this recap of his experiences: "As soon as the storm started, we knew that there was going to be people less fortunate than us and in need. From little things during the storm like helping clear the tree off the neighbor's driveway or volunteering for days to put this book together, this storm helped many of us to realize the importance of caring for others. Immediately following the storm we helped out around our community by clearing trees off of roadways and driveways so that people could not only get out, but emergency personnel could get in if needed. Within a few months, the idea of making a book for charity to support the victims was being discussed. We then began touring the ruin the storm had left behind to get stories from victims, firefighters, law enforcement, witnesses, etc. I'll never forget speaking to the fire chief at Breezy Point that had been in the center of the floods/fires throughout the storm. As this father told his story, tears ran down his cheeks saying how thankful he was to have his family safe. These moments, when we knew we were right there helping those most affected - not only financially, but emotionally, and physically - were very rewarding." Compassion is such an unselfish, underpinning ingredient to life. Our school saw an opportunity to chronicle so many charitable acts of compassion, learning fresh lessons with each one. The reader is now provided with the same opportunity. At the same time, the storm highlighted the fact that, in the face of the best emergency management planning, circumstances can arise in such a storm that far exceed the best

laid plans; hence the need for everyone - from government officials to caring householders - to view disaster preparedness more seriously. When Benjamin Franklin noted that "experience is a dear teacher", he was clearly highlighting the fact that the value of experience (i.e., our experiences in the past) should not be lost in meeting our responsibility to be better prepared for the future. AMBIENT and PACKACK VALLEY LEARNING CENTER have enjoyed the opportunity to share their experiences with thousands, through our book "Surviving Sandy - The Superstorm That Reshaped Our Lives". We hope that you, as an interested reader, will prove the value of the non-fiction presentations of our book. From the Inside Flap On Saturday, August 4, 2012, a shark was caught at Mantoloking beach in New Jersey, arousing some nervousness among beach-goers which rapidly dissipated under the hypnosis of salt water and sunshine characteristic of the Jersey coast. Less than three months later a monstrous storm called Sandy ravaged that same beach and surrounding community with shark-like ferocity. Sandy's angry winds and waves devoured beach-side housing, piers, and marinas, not only in Mantoloking, but for many miles in either direction, including New York City. When it was over the devastation left behind was staggering: \$50-60 billion in property damage and business loss, and one hundred and ten lives lost, including two little boys swept away in Staten Island as their mother held their hands and tried to flee the storm. This book recounts the solemnity of these events with personal accounts of survival and endurance, garnished with stories of unselfishness and charity which impart hope for a brighter future. From the Back Cover Born on October 22, 2012, as a small tropical depression in the southern Caribbean, Superstorm Sandy roared ashore seven days later as a vicious, all-devouring monster. Through personal narrative and dramatic photography, SURVIVING SANDY immerses the reader in the life-altering trauma of that fateful night, the days of trial that followed, and the long months of recovery by communities that will never be the same again.