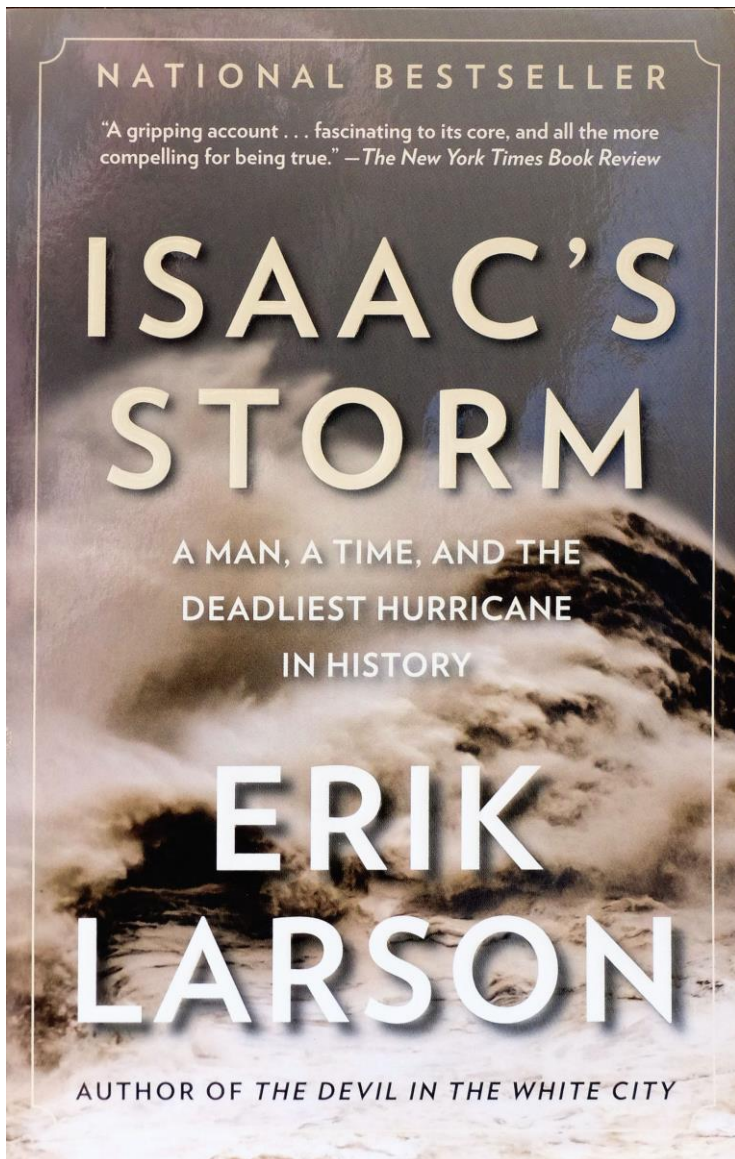


# Isaac's Storm

by Erik Larson



"Erik Larson's writing is luminous, the story absolutely gripping. ... *Isaac's Storm* ... reminds us that there are forces at work out there well beyond our control, and maybe even well beyond our understanding." —Alex Kotlowitz, author of *The Other Side of the River* and *There Are No Children Here*

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**On September 8, 1900, a massive hurricane swept in off the Gulf of Mexico and struck Galveston, Texas, destroying much of the city and claiming 8,000 lives.**

- Isaac Cline was the chief of the Galveston bureau of the U.S. Weather Service, which was in its infancy in 1900. The technology we take for granted in the 21st century was not even yet a dream.
- The Weather Bureau hierarchy in Washington ignored warnings from its counterparts in Cuba, and Isaac and the people of Galveston were left to their own devices. With tragic consequences.
- With hurricanes Dorian and Katrina fresh in our memories — and many as yet unnamed sure to come — *Isaac's Storm* is a sobering reminder of man's place in relation to nature. It is also a very human story, centered on Isaac Cline, but including heroes and victims throughout the ravaged city.

