



New Book is Sensitive to Katrina Survivors

The author of *The NEXUS Days* has special words for Katrina survivors. “Reading this book could be therapy for your soul.”

Karin Hopkins believes the narrative and pictures in *The NEXUS Days* will endearingly arouse nostalgic emotions. She says this is especially true for the generation that lived in New Orleans or visited the city when this nightclub was the social hot spot for prosperous African Americans. NEXUS thrived in the 1980s, which she dubs “The Golden Age of Black Nightlife in New Orleans.”

NEXUS had the best of two worlds—loyal customers who lived in the city and star power from A-list celebrities who were often in the club. And the owners had perfect timing. They opened the doors in 1983 as the Black middle-class was enjoying upwardly mobile gains. “NEXUS emerged as New Orleans was experiencing an economic and demographic transition. It was not only a social venue but a fountain of spiritual, emotional and intellectual enlightenment,” says Dr. Silas Lee, Xavier University of New Orleans sociologist and national pollster who agrees with the depiction of this time, as a “Camelot era.”

Readers of *The NEXUS Days* will vicariously experience powerful moments in New Orleans history that have never been revealed—until now. Everyone who reads the book will learn how NEXUS flourished and why this business ultimately failed.

With a soft launch scheduled for August 2021, the narrative and photographs in *The NEXUS Days* will evoke sentimental emotions for Katrina survivors, many of whom lost everything, including their own treasured photographs.

In August 2005, Hurricane Katrina roared into the Gulf Coast, followed by catastrophic levee failures, causing massive flooding. The cost was enormous; damages exceeding \$100 billion, almost two thousand fatalities and thousands left homeless. Many New Orleans’ citizens fled to other cities; nearby to Baton Rouge and also to cities in different states, primarily Houston and Atlanta. Many who escaped, planted roots in their adopted hometowns. Others chose to return to New Orleans. Some stayed and survived the nightmare.

No matter where people are on the post-Katrina spectrum, the author hopes her book triggers positive memories of New Orleans as it was in *The NEXUS Days*.

The Nexus Days: The Golden Age of Black Nightlife in New Orleans can be purchased at the following locations: in-store at [Community Book Center](#), 2523 Bayou Road and at these digital marketplaces: www.amazon.com and <https://bookshop.org/shop/readcbc>

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