

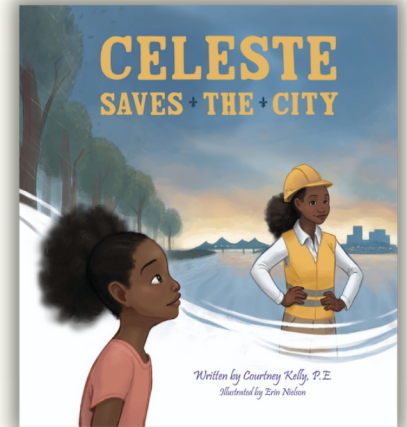
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By Courtney Kelly

About the Book

Celeste Saves the City pulls readers into the life of a young girl forced to leave her beloved home as Hurricane Katrina threatens to flood New Orleans.

Determined to make a difference in the future, Celeste sets her sights on becoming a civil engineer and figures out how to protect the wetlands that slow down flood waters during bad storms and hurricanes.



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Born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana, Courtney grew up wanting to be a veterinarian – until Hurricane Katrina changed the course of her life. After attending numerous engineering and math camps in high school, Courtney left Louisiana to pursue degrees in civil engineering and math at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas, Texas.

She began a career in management of heavy civil infrastructure construction projects and went on to obtain a master's degree in civil engineering with a concentration in structures from SMU and an MBA from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. She is also a licensed professional engineer in the state of Texas and was named as a 2023 ENR Texas and Louisiana Top Young Professional.

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