

Pete Murphy was a true original: a highly gifted writer steeped in the tradition of Hemingway, Chandler and Elmore Leonard, but with a voice distinctively his own – caustic, subtle, and with a disturbing and sometimes explosive edge behind its understatement.

A Vietnam veteran, until Hurricane Katrina in 2005 Murphy was based in New Orleans. As a result of the hurricane he lost everything apart from his cat Della – including his home, all his possessions and even the manuscript of his novel *Salamanders* (published by AESOP Modern in 2018), which fortunately he had previously sent to his editor. After Katrina he moved to Garland, Texas, where he worked as a carpenter and decorator before creating the old-time radio website, otrdepot.com. He died in March 2011.

Murphy's experience of Katrina, together with a number of his short stories, are recounted in this book.



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