

## SMILEY N. POOL

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*Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans*

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Smiley N. Pool has always been familiar with the destructive power of the hurricane since his childhood, but when capturing pictures of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, he was unaware of the true devastation it had brought upon the United States until he showed the photos to those who had lived there. He recalled hearing the gasps of people between dead silence while showing photos. “It was a strange and powerful moment, to see how the photographs could cause so much pain, hope, understanding and relief in just a few moments to a group of weary New Orleans evacuees,” Pool said after showing his friend a picture of his unaffected home. This picture, amongst many others covering Hurricane Katrina, awarded Pool the Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News Photography in 2006.