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Oprah's Angels: 65 Families, One Big Storm, and the American Dream

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Audible Studios on Brilliance, 2016. CD-Audio. Condition: New. Unabridged. Language: English . Brand New. At the edge of Houston sits a community like no other: 65 petite, pastel houses inhabited by survivors of Hurricane Katrina and built by one of the most famous people in the world, Oprah Winfrey. The community, funded with \$10 million of Oprah's money just a few months after Katrina, is made up of 65 families picked by nonprofit Habitat for Humanity. All pay around \$400 a month in mortgage to live there. The houses are nearly identical. Their furnishings were selected by Nate Berkus, and paid for by Oprah's television sponsors. Angel Lane is not only a place, but an idea. It's the idea that people like Lynell McFarland, a 54-year-old nursing assistant, could find better work and a better life for her daughter outside New Orleans; that people like Coleen Walters could overcome the loss of her husband and home through the construction of a new one. Angel Lane is the embodiment of a theory that tragedy - like the systemic urban poverty of New Orleans, and the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina - can be turned into opportunity, that lemons can...



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