

The day before Katrina hit New Orleans Ulysses (Odysseus in Greek) took his boat and promised his daughter Penelope he would return to meet her at the garden that he had built and baptized as 'The Garden of Louisiana'.

One year passed, the police found Ulysses' boat and a rock upon which two letters were painted in black ink, U (Ulysses) and T (Troy). Next to the rock, was Homer's book The Odyssey. Recognizing her father's handwriting, Penelope is convinced that he sent her a message: After the Trojan War, it took twenty years for Odysseus, to return to his native country, so she needed to wait for her Dad to return to Garden of Louisiana. As long as her father's body is not found, she refuses to accept his death and imagines her father traveling in the same islands as Odysseus visited.

The more she observes the objects, the landscape and the people, the more she is immersed in the world of Homer. When Mr. Espoir hears that Penelope is looking for her father, he invites her to his hotel to meet the survivors of Hurricane Katrina where he helps her find her father. Like Odysseus, will her father return to his land? Who are these other survivors of Hurricane Katrina who cope with their lost relatives and learn how they cope with their trauma?

Penelope's Odyssey

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