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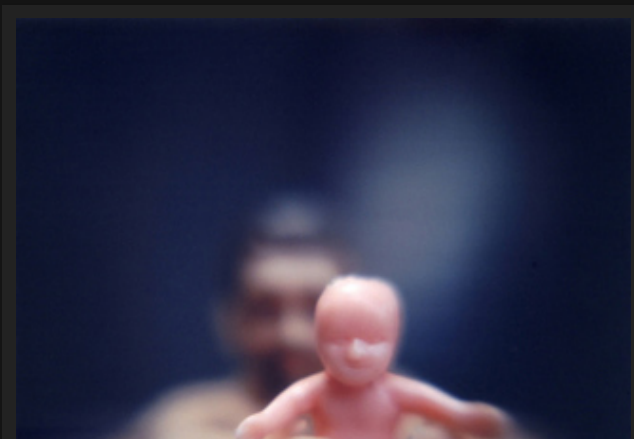
Jennifer Shaw - Hurricane Story

When reports and images of the destruction of New Orleans caused by Hurricane Katrina arrived on television screens around the world it was left for us to imagine the human cost and upheaval wrought by such a disaster. Without personal experience of such events it is impossible to imagine how it may affect individuals directly.



We left in the dark of night

New Orleans based photographer Jennifer Shaw is one such individual who has good reason to remember the experience vividly. Having left her home in New Orleans on 28th August 2005 in order to escape the carnage she gave birth to her son the very next day following an emergency dash to hospital. There followed a 6000 mile nomadic journey lasting two months before being able to return home safely along with her husband, new born child and their dogs and cats.



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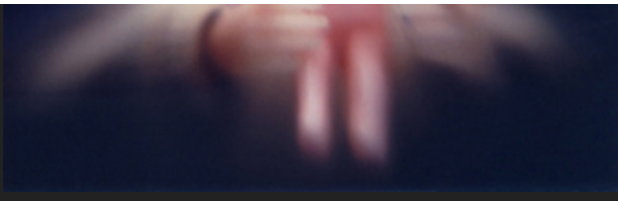
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At 3:47 a boy was born



Family and friends were delighted to see us

Following a period of adjustment Shaw embarked upon her project *Hurricane Story* chronicling her experiences using a combination of photographs and prose to create a narrative description of her emotional journey. Armed with a modified Holga camera Shaw shot extreme close ups of toys and models to represent significant events remembered from her experience.



The dogs enjoyed their vacation

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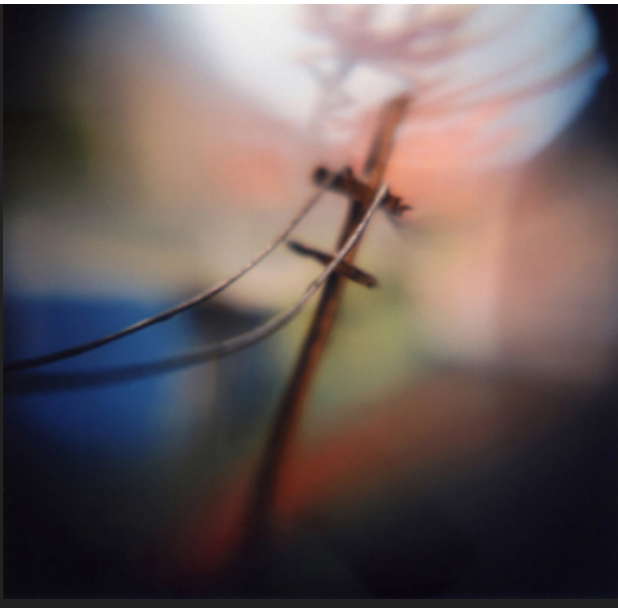
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It was months till the phone was restored

This sequence of 46 images recounts not only the story from leaving to returning but also depicts moments of despair, joy, fear, friendship and even humour. Shaw's method focuses upon the subject while the images hazy properties leave space for the viewers imagination to experience emotional connections to the events.





In spite of it all there's no place like home



[Jennifer Shaw Photography Website](#)

The first showing of the full 46 images of *Hurricane Story* will be exhibited at the FotoSeptiembre festival in San Antonio in September 2011.

Hurricane Story can be viewed and ordered [here](#)

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