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SHITSTORM

by Lenore Taylor & David Uren

From respected journalists Lenore Taylor and David Uren comes the inside story of the Rudd government's first term in office. It is a tenure that will be forever defined by the Global Financial Crisis, or—to use the Prime Minister's term—the 'shitstorm' that engulfed the nation and the world.

Based on interviews with all the key players on both sides of politics, *Shitstorm* reveals just how close Australia came to disaster, what Kevin Rudd and his colleagues did to avoid it, and the serious mistakes they made along the way—mistakes that now threaten the government's re-election.

Shitstorm prises open the inner workings of the Rudd government, revealing the crisis planning and decision-making by Kevin Rudd, his office, his key bureaucratic advisors and his Cabinet. It also chronicles the tumultuous first term in opposition for the federal coalition, looks behind the closed doors of the Reserve Bank and details how the government dealt with the banks as it confronted the most serious financial crisis since the Great Depression.

Shitstorm assembles a gripping picture of a rookie government facing the worst economic crisis in seventy-five years.

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