
"*The Dust Bowl: Men, Dirt, and Depression*" by Paul Bonnifield, 1979, University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque, New Mexico. ISBN: 0-8263-0485-0 (hardcover)

Worster and Bonnifield both published their chronicles of the Dust Bowl in 1979. Bonnifield's book is almost an apology for the farmers who plowed up the sod and thus set up the conditions for disaster. It is heavy with useful tables, charts and statistics. Bonnifield relied extensively on contemporary newspaper accounts, as well as interviews with survivors. The book includes an excellent bibliography.

Reading level: Ages 4-8

"*The Dust Bowl (World Disasters)*" by John Farris, Maurie Manning (Illustrator), 1989, Lucent Books ISBN: 1560060050 (hardcover)

This slim book for children is an excellent introduction to the Dust Bowl. Farris explains the conditions that led to the storms, tells what they were like, and describes both the exodus to California and the search for solutions.


"*Reapers of the Dust A Prairie Chronicle*"
by Lois Phillips Hudson
1964, Minnesota Historical Society
ISBN: 0873511778

First published in 1965, her childhood recollections of living in North Dakota are what Lois Phillips Hudson used to spin these unusual, moving stories of simple, joyful days and of continuing battles with the hostile elements on the Great Plains during the 1930s. Lois Hudson is recognized as a major chronicler of America's agricultural heartland during the grim years of the Great Depression.

"*The Dust Bowl; An Agricultural and Social History*"
by R. Douglas Hurt,
ISBN: 0-88229-541-1 (cloth)

"*Dust Bowl Diary*"
by Ann Marie Low
1984, University of Nebraska Press
This diary of a woman who lived on the plains of North Dakota in the 1930s captures the feeling of the Dust Bowl: "April 25, 1934, Wednesday Last weekend was the worst dust storm we ever had. We've been having quite a bit of blowing dirt every year since the drouth started, not only here, but all over the Great Plains. Many days this spring the air is just full of dirt coming, literally for hundreds of miles. It sifts into everything. After we wash the dishes and put them away, so much dirt sifts into the cupboards we must wash them again before the next meal. Clothes in the closets are covered with dust. Last weekend no one was taking an automobile out for fear of ruining the motor. I rode Roany to Frank's place to return a gear. To find my way I had to ride right beside the fence, scarcely able to see from one fence post to the next. Newspapers say the deaths of many babies and old people are attributed to breathing in so much dirt."

"Rooted in Dust: Surviving Drought and Depression in Southwestern Kansas"
by Pamela Riney-Kehrberg,1994, University Press of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
ISBN: 0-7006-0644-0 (hardcover)

"A Boyhood in the Dust Bowl 1926-1934"
by Robert Allen Rutland,1997, University Press of Colorado
ISBN: 0870814850

"Farming the Dust Bowl: A First-Hand Account from Kansas"
by Lawrence Svobida,1986, University Press of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
ISBN: 0-7006-0289-5 (hardcover)
ISBN: 0-7006-0290-9 (paperback)

"Heaven's Tableland: The Dust Bowl Story"
by Vance Johnson

"Dust Bowl: A Problem-Based Unit"
by Vantassel-Baska
1996, Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company
ISBN: 0787227544 (paperback)

"Dust Bowl: The Southern Plains In the 1930's"
by Donald Worster,
ISBN: 0-19-502550-4 (Hardcover)
This account of the Dust Bowl explains why it happened, how it was solved, and how it felt to live through it. You can almost feel the wind in your face and taste the grit in your mouth. Worster was uniquely qualified to write the definitive book on the Dust Bowl -- he is a noted historian, a talented writer and a child of the southern plains.

"Americans View Their Dust Bowl Experience"
by John R. Wunder (Editor), Frances W. Kaye (Editor), Vernon Carstensen (Editor)
Non-fiction books about the Dust Bowl

1999, University Press of Colorado
ISBN: 0870815075 (hardcover)