

# Children Of The Dustbowl

**An extraordinary personal journey from Islamic fundamentalism to a new life in the west In this spellbinding portrayal of a life that few Americans can imagine, Ali Eteraz tells the story of his schooling in a madrassa in Pakistan, his teenage years as a Muslim American in the Bible Belt, and his voyage back to Pakistan to find a pious Muslim wife. This lyrical, penetrating saga from a brilliant new literary voice captures the heart of our**

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**universal quest for identity and the temptations of religious extremism.**

**For readers of Behind the Beautiful Forevers and Nothing to Envy, this is a breathtaking real-life story of four street children in contemporary Zambia whose lives are drawn together and forever altered by the mysterious murder of a fellow street child. Based on years of investigative reporting and unprecedented fieldwork, Walking the Bowl immerses readers in the daily lives of four unforgettable characters: Lusabilo, a**

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**determined waste picker; Kapula, a burned-out brothel worker; Moonga, a former rock crusher turned beggar; and Timo, an ambitious gang leader. These children navigate the violent and poverty-stricken underworld of Lusaka, one of Africa's fastest growing cities. When the dead body of a ten-year-old boy is discovered under a heap of garbage in Lusaka's largest landfill, a murder investigation quickly heats up due to the influence of the victim's mother and her far-reaching political connections. The children's**

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**lives become more closely intertwined as each child engages in a desperate bid for survival against forces they could never have imagined. Gripping and fast-paced, the book exposes the perilous aspects of street life through the eyes of the children who survive, endure and dream there, and what emerges is an ultimately hopeful story about human kindness and how one small good deed, passed on to others, can make a difference in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds.**

**America's 1930s**

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**agricultural nightmare, the Dust Bowl, sets the stage for overwhelming drought, hardship and sacrifice for Oklahoma farmers.**

**Throughout the decade, family pets and the hopeful resolve of hardworking parents lighten a young girl's hear**

**Set in the 1930s Oklahoma, this American Horse Tale is the story of a young girl who makes the difficult decision to leave her family and move to California so she can stay with her horse. A young girl named Ginny and her family are dealing with the hardships of the**

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**Great Depression, and in order to survive, her dad decides they must sell their horse, and Ginny's best friend, Thimble. But Ginny will do anything in order to find a way for them to stay together, and chooses to leave her family in Oklahoma and travel west to California. The Dust Bowl is part of a series of books written by several authors highlighting the unique relationships between young girls and their horses.**

**Ruthie, Child of the Dust Bowl Days**

**A Dust Bowl Migrant**

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## **Dust Girl Years of Dust Walking the Bowl The Dust Bowl Children**

*In May 1936 Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace wrote to Caroline Henderson to praise her contributions to American "understanding of some of our farm problems." His comments reflected the national attention aroused by Henderson's articles, which had been published in Atlantic Monthly since 1931. Even today, Henderson's articles are frequently cited for her vivid descriptions of the dust storms that ravaged the Plains. Caroline Henderson was a Mount Holyoke graduate who moved to Oklahoma's panhandle to homestead and teach in 1907. This collection of Henderson's letters and articles published from*

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*1908 to 1966 presents an intimate portrait of a woman's life in the Great Plains. Her writing mirrors her love of the land and the literature that sustained her as she struggled for survival. Alvin O. Turner has collected and edited Henderson's published materials together with her private correspondence. Accompanying biographical sketch, chapter introductions, and annotations provide details on Henderson's life and context for her frequent literary allusions and comments on contemporary issues. The fascinating—and eerily timely—tale of the forgotten Depression-era psychologists who launched the modern science of childhood development. “Doomed from birth” was how psychologist Harold Skeels described two toddler girls at the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home in*

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*Davenport, Iowa, in 1934. Their IQ scores, added together, totaled just 81. Following prevailing eugenic beliefs of the times, Skeels and his colleague Marie Skodak assumed that the girls had inherited their parents' low intelligence and were therefore unfit for adoption. The girls were sent to an institution for the "feebleminded" to be cared for by "moron" women. To Skeels and Skodak's astonishment, under the women's care, the children's IQ scores became normal. Now considered one of the most important scientific findings of the twentieth century, the discovery that environment shapes children's intelligence was also one of the most fiercely contested—and its origin story has never been told. In *The Orphans of Davenport*, psychologist and esteemed historian Marilyn Brookwood chronicles*

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*how a band of young psychologists in 1930s Iowa shattered the nature-versus-nurture debate and overthrew long-accepted racist and classist views of childhood development.*

*Transporting readers to a rural Iowa devastated by dust storms and economic collapse, Brookwood reveals just how profoundly unlikely it was for this breakthrough to come from the Iowa Child Welfare Research Station. Funded by the University of Iowa and the Rockefeller Foundation, and modeled on America's experimental agricultural stations, the Iowa Station was virtually unknown, a backwater compared to the renowned psychology faculties of Stanford, Harvard, and Princeton. Despite the challenges they faced, the Iowa psychologists replicated increased intelligence in thirteen more "retarded" children.*

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*When Skeels published their incredible work, America's leading psychologists—eugenicists all—attacked and condemned his conclusions. The loudest critic was Lewis M. Terman, who advocated for forced sterilization of low-intelligence women and whose own widely accepted IQ test was threatened by the Iowa research. Terman and his opponents insisted that intelligence was hereditary, and their prestige ensured that the research would be ignored for decades. Remarkably, it was not until the 1960s that a new generation of psychologists accepted environment's role in intelligence and helped launch the modern field of developmental neuroscience.. Drawing on prodigious archival research, Brookwood reclaims the Iowa researchers as intrepid heroes and*

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*movingly recounts the stories of the orphans themselves, many of whom later credited the psychologists with giving them the opportunity to forge successful lives. A radiant story of the power and promise of science to better the lives of us all, The Orphans of Davenport unearths an essential history at a moment when race science is dangerously resurgent.*

*"The Bestselling Hardcover Novel of the Year."--Publishers Weekly From the number-one bestselling author of The Nightingale and The Great Alone comes a powerful American epic about love and heroism and hope, set during the Great Depression, a time when the country was in crisis and at war with itself, when millions were out of work and even the land seemed to have turned against them. "My land tells its story if you listen. The story of our*

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*family." Texas, 1921. A time of abundance. The Great War is over, the bounty of the land is plentiful, and America is on the brink of a new and optimistic era. But for Elsa Wolcott, deemed too old to marry in a time when marriage is a woman's only option, the future seems bleak. Until the night she meets Rafe Martinelli and decides to change the direction of her life. With her reputation in ruin, there is only one respectable choice: marriage to a man she barely knows. By 1934, the world has changed; millions are out of work and drought has devastated the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as crops fail and water dries up and the earth cracks open. Dust storms roll relentlessly across the plains. Everything on the Martinelli farm is dying, including Elsa's tenuous*

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*marriage; each day is a desperate battle against nature and a fight to keep her children alive. In this uncertain and perilous time, Elsa—like so many of her neighbors—must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or leave it behind and go west, to California, in search of a better life for her family. The Four Winds is a rich, sweeping novel that stunningly brings to life the Great Depression and the people who lived through it—the harsh realities that divided us as a nation and the enduring battle between the haves and the have-nots. A testament to hope, resilience, and the strength of the human spirit to survive adversity, The Four Winds is an indelible portrait of America and the American dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to*

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*define a generation.*

*Children of the Dust Bowl: The True Story of the School at Weedpatch*

*CampKnopf Books for Young Readers*

*A Dust Bowl Book of Days, 1932*

*The Dust Bowl*

*The Great American Dust Bowl*

*The Dust Bowl Adventures of Patty and Earl Buckler*

*Lilacs in the Dust Bowl*

*Voices of the Dust Bowl*

Illus. with photographs from the Dust Bowl era. This true story took place at the emergency farm-labor camp immortalized in Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*.

Ostracized as "dumb Okies," the children of Dust Bowl migrant laborers went

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without school--until Superintendent Leo Hart and 50 Okie kids built their own school in a nearby field. In *The Great Depression: Experience the 1930s From the Dust Bowl to the New Deal*, readers ages 12 to 15 investigate the causes, duration, and outcome of the Great Depression, the period of time when more than 20 percent of Americans were unemployed. They discover how people coped, what new inventions came about, and how the economics of the country affected the arts, sciences, and politics of the

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times. The decade saw the inauguration of many social programs that Americans still benefit from today. The combination of President Roosevelt's New Deal and the dawning of World War II gave enough economic stimulus to boost the United States out of its slump and into a new era of recovery. In The Great Depression, students explore what it meant to live during this time. Projects such as designing a 1930s outfit and creating a journal from the point of view of a kid whose family is on the road help

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infuse the content with realism and practicality. In-depth investigations of primary sources from the period allow readers to engage in further, independent study of the times. Additional materials include a glossary, a list of current reference works, and Internet resources.

Read graphic history to experience living though the Dust Bowl.

The temperature is about 40 degrees on this cold November morning. It's only 6:30 AM, but a line has already formed outside of

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the kitchen. One by one, the men come from different directions and place themselves at the back of the line. They shuffle back and forth, from one foot to the other, trying to keep warm. Their noses can smell the freshly brewed coffee and the hot doughnuts as they are served to the men ahead of them. One by one, the men enter the kitchen, have a quick bite to eat, and then head out to the street. They fan out and go from business to business, looking for work. At the end of the day, they come back here to

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this line and wait their turn for a small bowl of soup. And so begins the fascinating history of the Great Depression. It's hard to imagine America ever faced times so hard, but in this book, just for kids, you'll find out what happened and what it was like to be a kid during these times. KidCaps is an imprint of BookCaps Study Guides; with dozens of books published every month, there's sure to be something just for you! Visit our website to find out more.

Someplace to Call Home  
Drought and Depression in

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the 1930's

The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl

The Dust Bowl Years of Abigail Brubaker

The Four Winds  
A Novel

Through memoirs, diaries, letters, and other firsthand accounts, illuminates the lives of the American children affected by the economic and social changes of the Great Depression, including middle-class urban youth, migrant farm laborers, boxcar kids, and others.

Offers a review of the events that led up to and took place during this natural disaster in the Great Plains

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during the 1930s, and discusses the changes that were instituted in farming and land conservation as a result of it. A powerful post-nuclear holocaust novel described by the author as, 'my cry against the monstrous weapons men have made'. Everyone thought, when the alarm bell rang, that it was just another fire practice. But the first bombs had fallen on Hamburg and Leningrad, the headmaster said, and a full-scale nuclear attack was imminent . . . It's a real-life nightmare. Sarah and her family have to stay cooped up in the tightly-sealed kitchen for days on end, dreading the inevitable radioactive fall-out and the subsequent slow, torturous death, which seems almost preferable to surviving in a grey, dead world, choked by dust. But

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then, from out of the dust and the ruin and the desolation, comes new life, a new future, and a whole brave new world...

This is the story of Lawrence Svobida, a Kansas wheat farmer who fought searing drought, wind, erosion, and economic hard times in the Dust Bowl. It is a vivid account by a farmer who pitted his physical strength, mental faculties, and financial resources against the environment as nature wreaked havoc across the southern Great Plains. Svobida's description of Dust Bowl agriculture is important not only because it accurately describes farming in that region but also because it is one of the few first-hand accounts that remain of the frightening and still haunting dust-laden decade of the

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1930's.

The Dust Bowl #1

Hoping for Rain

A True Story of Murder and Survival  
Among the Street Children of Lusaka

Letters from the Dust Bowl

Dust to Eat

A Portrait of a Muslim as a Young Man

***Conditions are dry on  
Matthew's grandfather's farm,  
and when Matthew asks if the  
farm will have to be sold, his  
grandfather tells him the story  
of how their family stayed  
through the Big Dry, also  
known as the Dust Bowl.  
Provides a look at two major  
events in American  
history--the Great Depression***

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***of 1929 and the Dust Bowl and its associated migration in the late 1930s--and the effects they had on the country throughout time with regard to social programs and domestic policies.***

***Great Grandma Annie reminisces about life on her family's Oklahoma farm during the terrible drought of the 1930s when the region was known as the "Dust Bowl." Illustrated text, letters, and diary excerpts follow the fictional Buckler family during the Great Depression, as they leave Oklahoma, because of drought and duststorms, and***

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***move to California to find work and a better life.***

***Memories of Growing Up in Dalhart***

***The Worst Hard Time***

***Surviving the Dust Bowl***

***The Orphans of Davenport:***

***Eugenics, the Great***

***Depression, and the War over***

***Children's Intelligence***

***The Great Depression***

***Children of Dust***

Author Diana Stevan's sequel to the award-winning *Sunflowers Under Fire*. Lukia's story continues in *Lilacs in the*

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Dust Bowl, an inspirational family saga about love and heartache during the Great Depression.

In 1929, when Lukia Mazurets, a widow and a Ukrainian peasant farmer, immigrates to Canada with her four children, she has no idea the stock market is about to crash and throw the world into a deep depression. Falling grain prices, the ravages of nature, and unexpected family conflicts threaten to smash her dreams of family unity in a strange

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land. And when love knocks on her door again, awakening desire she thought was long gone, Lukia has to choose between having a man in her life or the children she's sacrificed everything for.

Diana Stevan is also the author of the novels, *A Cry from The Deep* and *The Rubber Fence* and the novelette *The Blue Nightgown*. A former family therapist, she is the mother of two daughters and lives with her husband Robert in West Vancouver

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and on Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

In this book, early fluent readers will learn about the causes, main events, key players, and lasting impacts of the dust bowl. Interesting photos and carefully leveled text will engage young readers as they learn about this important period in American history. An infographic enhances understanding of the dust bowl, and What Do You Think? sidebars encourage deeper inquiry. A timeline highlights key events and

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dates. Dust Bowl also features reading tips for teachers and parents, a table of contents, a glossary, and an index.

Dust Bowl is part of Jump!'s Turning Points in U.S. History series.

In a tour de force of historical reportage, Timothy Egan's National Book Award-winning story rescues an iconic chapter of American history from the shadows. The dust storms that terrorized the High Plains in the darkest years of the Depression were like nothing ever seen before or since.

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Following a dozen families and their communities through the rise and fall of the region, Timothy Egan tells of their desperate attempts to carry on through blinding black dust blizzards, crop failure, and the death of loved ones. Brilliantly capturing the terrifying drama of catastrophe, he does equal justice to the human characters who become his heroes, "the stoic, long-suffering men and women whose lives he opens up with urgency and respect" (New York Times). In an era that promises

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ever-greater natural disasters, The Worst Hard Time is "arguably the best nonfiction book yet" (Austin Statesman Journal) on the greatest environmental disaster ever to be visited upon our land and a powerful reminder about the dangers of trifling with nature. This e-book includes a sample chapter of THE IMMORTAL IRISHMAN. The causes and results of the Dust Bowl and how the lessons learned are still used today. Presented in comic book format. The Journal of C.J.

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Angels in the Dust

Children of the Dust Days

Children of the Dust Bowl:

The True Story of the

School at Weedpatch Camp

A History Just for Kids

Describes the plight of the migrant workers who traveled from the Dust Bowl to California during the Depression and were forced to live in a federal labor camp and discusses the school that was built for their children.

Voices from those who lived through the largest environmental catastrophe in American history. From 1931 to 1940, a combination of drought and soil erosion destroyed the fragile ecology and economy of the Great

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Plains. Evocative illustrations accompany poignant testimonies, including those of a farmer's wife, a banker, and a child who had never seen rain, to provide an emotionally charged account.

This “riveting” companion to the PBS documentary “clarifies our understanding of the ‘worst manmade ecological disaster in American history’” (Booklist). In this riveting chronicle, Dayton Duncan and Ken Burns capture the profound drama of the American Dust Bowl of the 1930s. Terrifying photographs of mile-high dust storms, along with firsthand accounts by more than two dozen eyewitnesses, bring to life this heart-wrenching catastrophe, when a combination of drought, wind, and poor farming practices turned millions of acres of the Great Plains into a

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wasteland, killing crops and livestock, threatening the lives of small children, burying homesteaders' hopes under huge dunes of dirt—and setting in motion a mass migration the likes of which the nation had never seen.

Burns and Duncan collected more than three hundred mesmerizing photographs, some never before published, scoured private letters, government reports, and newspaper articles, and conducted in-depth interviews to produce a document that may likely be the last recorded testimony of the generation who lived through this defining decade.

Acclaimed author Karen Hesse's Newbery Medal-winning novel-in-verse explores the life of fourteen-year-old Billie Jo growing up in the dust bowls of Oklahoma.

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## Famine and Dust

Farming the Dust Bowl

An Illustrated History

Children of the Dust

"Using the writings of his grandmother, Margaret Spader Neises, and mother, Joan Neises Volk, author Craig Volk creates a one-year diary that details the life and times of a woman during 1932."--

Much has been written about the Dust Bowl and about the suffering of those who lived through it. This book does not tell the story of the Dust Bowl but rather the generation that followed. It tells the story of those Texas panhandle children who were born in and around Dalhart, or who joined us at the height of the Dust Bowl and later. We are among the generation that survived the endless dust storms,

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to live and experience a wonderful life in our home town, to graduate from high school, to go on to colleges and jobs, and to have lives that have been beyond the dreams of our parents. These are the very personal stories and memories of the band of friends from the Class of 1954, recalling how we grew up and what we were able to accomplish in our lives.

Desperate to survive during the Dust Bowl, C. J. Jackson and his family leave the panhandle of Oklahoma and head west to California, where they hope to make a better life for themselves.

Focuses on the experiences of children during the Dust Bowl era of the 1930s, when prolonged drought, coupled with farming techniques, caused massive erosion from Texas to Canada's wheat fields.

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Cimarron Girl

Dust Bowl

The True Story of the School at Weedpatch Camp

Experience the 1930s From the Dust Bowl to the New Deal

Out of the Dust (Scholastic Gold)

An Okie Family Story

The events surrounding the Dust Bowl did not look the same to everyone involved. Step back in time and into the shoes of an Oklahoma farmer, a migrant farm worker, and a government journalist as readers act out scenes that took place in the midst of this historic event. Written with simplified, considerate text to help struggling readers, books in this series are made to build confidence as readers engage and read aloud. This book includes a table of

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contents, glossary, index, author biography, sidebars, and timelines. On the day in 1935 when her mother vanishes during the worst dust storm ever recorded in Kansas, Callie learns that she is not actually a human being.

The author describes growing up in a family of tenant farmers in Oklahoma during the Depression and Dust Bowl era, her father's desperate struggle to make a living for his large family, their ultimate migration to California with other Okies, and their difficult, back-breaking efforts to build a new life. In 1933, what's left of the Turner family--twelve-year-old Hallie and her two brothers--finds itself driving the back roads of rural America. The

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children have been swept up into a new migratory way of life. America is facing two devastating crises: the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl. Hundreds of thousands of people in cities across the country have lost jobs. In rural America it isn't any better as crops suffer from the never-ending drought. Driven by severe economic hardship, thousands of people take to the road to seek whatever work they can find, often splintering fragile families in the process. As the Turner children move from town to town, searching for work and trying to cobble together the basic necessities of life, they are met with suspicion and hostility. They are viewed as outsiders in their own country. Will

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they ever find a place to call home? New York Times-bestselling author Sandra Dallas gives middle-grade readers a timely story of young people searching for a home and a better way of life.

A First-hand Account from Kansas  
Children of the Great Depression  
The Storm in the Barn

The Story of the Dust Bowl

A Children's Novel Set During the  
Depression of the 1930s

***Facing his share of ordinary challenges, from local bullies to his father's failed expectations, eleven-year-old Jack Clark must also deal with the effects of the Dust Bowl in 1937***

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*Kansas, including the rising tensions in his small town and the spread of a shadowy illness.*