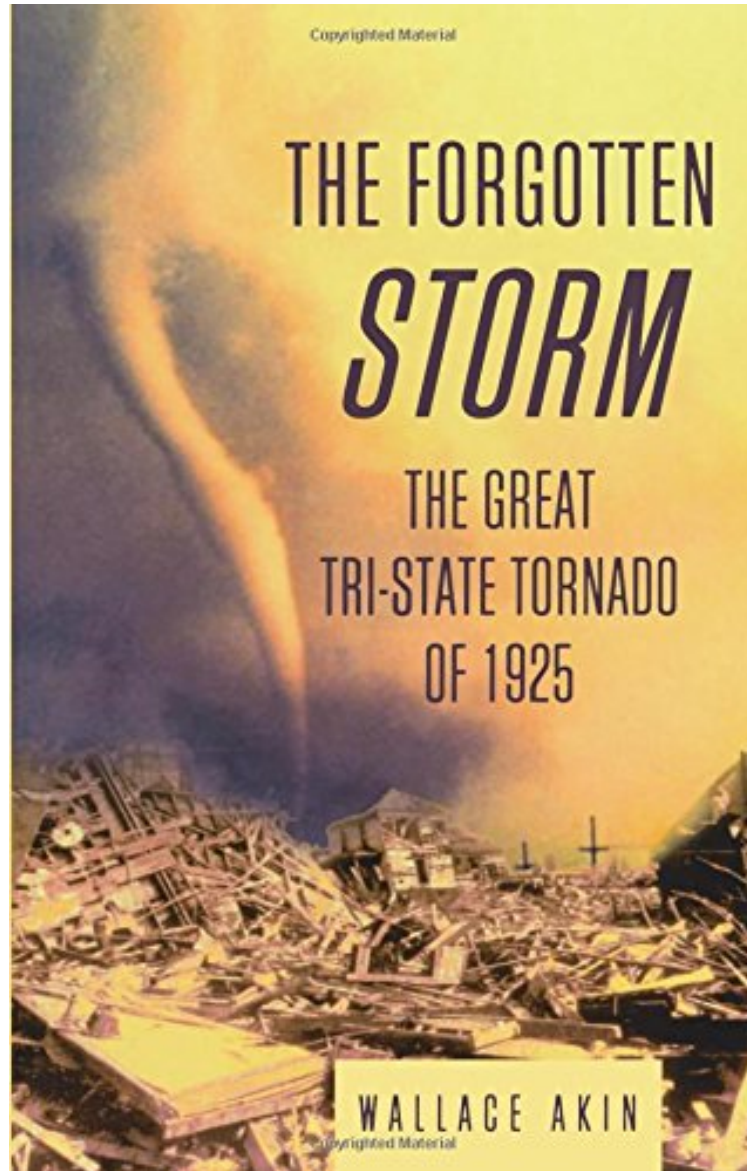


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**Wallace Akin : The Forgotten Storm: The Great Tri-State Tornado of 1925** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Forgotten Storm: The Great Tri-State Tornado of 1925:

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disasters but I enjoy reading about some of the major disasters in America's past. So I skipped some of the technical stuff because I wouldn't have understood it anyway. But the human stories are what I like to read and, considering how long ago it was, I found this book pretty well written. Of course, he would have to rely on newspaper reports and family stories since most of the survivors, adults who would have the most accurate memories, would be dead now. I was also touched that he was writing about his own family's experience. I would have loved to see more photos but I'm sure they are few and rare to find now. It's not like the disasters of today with total media coverage. Anyway, I thought Akin did a good job of telling the human stories. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By chad e longstreth Great product

The amazing true story of the deadliest tornado in American history, as told by a survivor.

Wallace Akin, his mother, and their house were lifted by a tornado that was among the world's most violent. Since that day 77 years ago, when he landed safely with a jolt, that storm has lived within him. (Des Moines Register) In *The Forgotten Storm*, Wallace Akin presents eyewitness accounts and a definitive analysis of the nearly one-mile-wide mega twister which ripped through no less than three Midwestern states. Akin's approach firmly reestablishes this disaster's solemn spirit as well as its identity as a standard-setting meteorological event. (Richard G. Fernicola M.D., author of "Twelve Days of Terror") Akin's brush with tragedy inspired a lifetime of writing and teaching about weather. His respect for the greatest of all Plains storms is a familiar feeling to all who have lived in this tornado alley. (Midwest Living) From the Back Cover Wallace Akin was two years old when the Tri-State Tornado picked up his house with him and his mother inside and dropped it atop two other collapsed buildings. Across town, his father lay unconscious near his auto shop, close to death, and Akin's brother managed to crawl from beneath the collapsed shop. All survived. Many others were not as fortunate. Earlier in the afternoon, a supercell thunderstorm had spawned a tornado so deadly that it set records against which we still measure all other tornadoes. The storm ripped through southwest Missouri, southern Illinois and southwest Indiana, killing 695 people and wounding 2,000, in a record-breaking 219-mile, 3-hour path of destruction. Akin's hometown was the worst hit, losing 243 people to the tornado. Using first-person accounts from his family and neighbors, newspaper stories, and diaries, Akin offers a blow-by-blow account of the storm from its first sighting to its final minutes. He also attempts to explain how it began - and how it changed his life. About the Author Wallace E. Akin was for many years a professor of geography at Drake University. He received a research Fulbright in 1961 at the University of Copenhagen and has traveled widely, studying climate and related human activities. He is the author of several academic books that include material on weather and climate.