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“The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl” by author Timothy Egan

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) was established to stop the unprecedented dust storms of the 1930s. The dust storms that terrorized America's High Plains in the darkest years of the Depression were like nothing ever seen before or since, and the stories of the people that held on have never been fully told.

Pulitzer Prize–winning New York Times journalist and author Timothy Egan follows a half-dozen families and their communities through blinding black blizzards, crop failure, and the tragic deaths of loved ones.

Drawing on the voices of those who stayed and survived—those who, now in their eighties and nineties, will soon carry their memories to the grave—Egan tells a story of endurance and heroism. This book is a poignant reminder of the vital importance of effective and consistent soil and natural resource conservation.

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