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Five Stars very interesting heartbreaking story what a terrible time! I found myself drifting off to sleep and zoning out with chapter after chapter of how storms shaped. I am a devoted reader and I am generally through a publication in about 2 days, this reserve took me 14 days to complete. It simply didn't keep me captive. The chapters on the actual storm and family members I experienced pretty rapidly, but the rest remaining me bored. Fascinating true story! Dark Day for an excellent Experiment This fascinating and tragic account of the nineteenth-century blizzard that killed scores of individuals is rich with personal, political and scientific fine detail that placed the storm in the context of America's push to settle its frontier. Laskin traces the fate of many family members induced by the Homestead Work to go to the Dakotas, Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa from their native European and Ukranian homelands, to establish fresh farms in the severe environment of the Plains says. Focusing on their children - caught by the blizzard on the way house from college - made the story even more poignant. The finest elements of the book centered on the personal stories of these families, how these were caught in the storm, and affected in its aftermath. One schoolteacher braved the storm after (probably) tying schoolchildren jointly and all survived. Another lost more than half of his course trying to visit less than 25 % mile to safety. However, Laskin pulled too many people in to the narrative, which made their stories difficult to check out at times. It was slow through the sections on the explanation about the process for the weather predictions. 1-2). At times, though, the meteorological details weighed straight down the narrative. Wow, I hadn't heard of the great blizzard of 1888 and of all the deaths. "The surroundings popped and sizzled whenever a hands was exceeded over someone's head," as the violent storm generated so much static energy. p. 176. Wow, just what a terrible time!] Before midnight, windchills had been down to 40 below zero. I agree with various other reviewers that there is way to much back story and too much information regarding meteorology. I loved it so very much I read all the sources and acknowledgements. One of the most fascinating passages just discussed the climate. An early on passage describing how cool and warm fronts converge, and speculating on the effect of Rocky Mountain topography on storm advancement, was mind-numbing. Although author valiantly tried to rescue the description with thoughtful metaphors, those fragments of understanding seemed randomly cobbled together. Among my all time favorite books! While these few dense passages absence the finesse of more polished works (such as for example Isaac's Storm), persistence is normally well-rewarded by the overall tale. Finally, in the aftermath of the storm, Laskin's reflection that the "140-year-old scheme" to settle the Plains "provides failed at the expense of trillions of dollars, countless lives and immeasurable heartbreak," was food for thought. In sum, though gradual sometimes, Laskin's account of the "Childrens' Blizzard" was often insightful and evocative, and I recommend the book. A COMPELLING READ. Wow Good read. [.! The Kids's Blizzard, by David Laskin relates the heartrending, frightening, tale of the vicious blizzard of January 12, 1888 across America's midwestern prairie." p. That's when the killing occurred. By morning on Friday the thirteenth, a huge selection of people lay dead on the Dakota and Nebraska prairie, many of them children who acquired fled—or been dismissed from— country schools at the moment once the wind shifted and the sky exploded." (pp. officers who failed to predict the storm, while interesting, was cluttered with way too many backstories, that seemed to bear little if any romantic relationship to the tragedy unfolding in the Plains. Exhaustively researched, extensively detailed, yet eminently readable; . Circulation ceased. It's not exactly an easy one to read, either. Recommendation: If you browse and appreciated Eric Larson's reserve, Isaac's Storm; you'll like this one too. Excellent This book has a great combination of history and storytelling. Eventually the signals were therefore faint that they didn't trigger any cardiac response at all. Some of the narrative gets dropped in the facts, but, then, this will need to have been a very hard tale too tell. My ancestors were Norwegians that settled in the Dakota Territory where this book occurred." (p. For me on small chapter on this would have been more than enough. Kindle Edition, 307 pages Terrific read!! .!! Laskin made dry meteorological details equivalent parts magical and terrifying as seen through the recollections of nineteenth century pioneers. What an enlightening reserve. Gorgeous prose

descriptions of prairie life, the immigrant encounter, the individual players in the various dramas, etc. The author explained very obviously and within an interesting method how this blizzard developed and the weather patterns and geography that contributed to it -- an ideal storm. The annals of the U.S. Those parts had been when meteorology and the process of placing out the winter flags. With that being said all of those other book was so pleasant for me that it outweighed the additional. Very well edited which was very much appreciated after reading many other Kindle books. An excellent slice of history in the Midwest well informed!!! I gave it a 3 star as the writing was good and the historical worth was excellent, but it was not as grabbing and riveting as the books I normally appreciate. This story is very interesting about a meeting I had never heard about. So many children died in this blizzard since it was warm if they left for college, but deadly when they got out. So much fascinating information about the families, the early beginnings of the nationwide weather support, and the different methods people tried to endure it--a few successful. I enjoyed studying climate patterns and the early successes and failures of weather forecasting and alerts. Loved it and recommended it to others. Good Very interesting A great book Overall I must say i liked this publication but there were several parts that drug just a little for me personally. Pictures - maybe extracts from historical meteorological maps (described in the text, but unseen by the reader) - is a welcome shortcut. Also, the development and fate of Army Signal Corp. Nevertheless, I learned a lot about weather along with what occurred to people during that time. Likewise, reviews of powdered snow, pulverized by the storm, suffocating and blinding people as it clogged airways and sealed frozen eyelids together, made it easier to understand how hard pioneers became lost and frozen 100 feet from safety. One of my favorite books! weather support at the time run by the Transmission Corps and the various political and worker machinations were also amazing. 197)HarperCollins. And then the average person tragic stories informed like cliff hanger tales produced me want to race to the next web page to observe what happened. I don't really like saying the book was enjoyable since it was about many people's pain and suffering so it was not "exciting" for the reason that it was a great book but "enjoyable" for the reason that it was very informative to me. I was raised in Nebraska and Kansas and also have been to many parts of Nebraska and South Dakota which were talked about in this book. With no oxygen the brain guttered and proceeded to go dark. I am sure I had family members that went through this horrible time frame and wish to know their story and how they fared. I loved that the writer used first hand accounts to tell most of the stories. I cannot imagine being that teacher who had to make the decision on whether to send the children home and then finding out the kids didn't survive. The way this blizzard happened following a very nice day is so usual of the Midwest climate. "Fiber by fiber, the cold was paralyzing their hearts. Sometimes the book is disturbing. "In three minutes the front subtracted 18 degrees from the air's temperature. Great book. My Mother got it from the library. I am only on the 4th chapter of the book and We'm hoping it gets better. Very sad situation those people went through Struggling to get through that one. I decided I wanted to own a duplicate of it.176-177. I don't need that much information on it. Interested in what actually happened rather than a long history leading up to it.Great writing, too much detail While I found the historical information heartbreaking and interesting, all of the weather forecast info was much too detailed and dragged out. One man found that "when his fingers snapped [] fire came from them," and another viewed "sparks of electric power leap from the gilt molding useful for hanging pictures. Five Stars A great read, but such a tragedy.



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