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The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl

As the conversation about global warming, our environment, and the threat of serious natural catastrophes creeps to the forefront of America's consciousness, it's more important than ever to learn from past environmental and weather disasters. A greater understanding of why these events occur, their dangerous aftermath, and how they may be prevented will be invaluable as we tackle our warming future. In his highly acclaimed book, **THE WORST HARD TIME**

(Mariner Books, September 1, 2006), Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Timothy Egan delves into the largely untold story of the Dust Bowl, one of America's worst weather events.

Now available in paperback,



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according to one survivor.

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HARDTIME. Egan follows

a list of individuals and families who stayed

their communities across the affected region, weaving

accounts of survivors now in their eighties and nineties,

in **THE WORST HARD TIME** like Osteen, who survives the Dirty Thir-

ties in a home made of dirt



Winner of the National Book Award

Author Lecture & Book Signing with Timothy Egan

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

★ **Reception for Author and BCC Reads! Scholarship Winners** * BCC Gallery * 5:30 pm

★ **Lecture and Q&A** * Carlson Theater * 7:00 pm

★ **Book Signing to Follow**

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