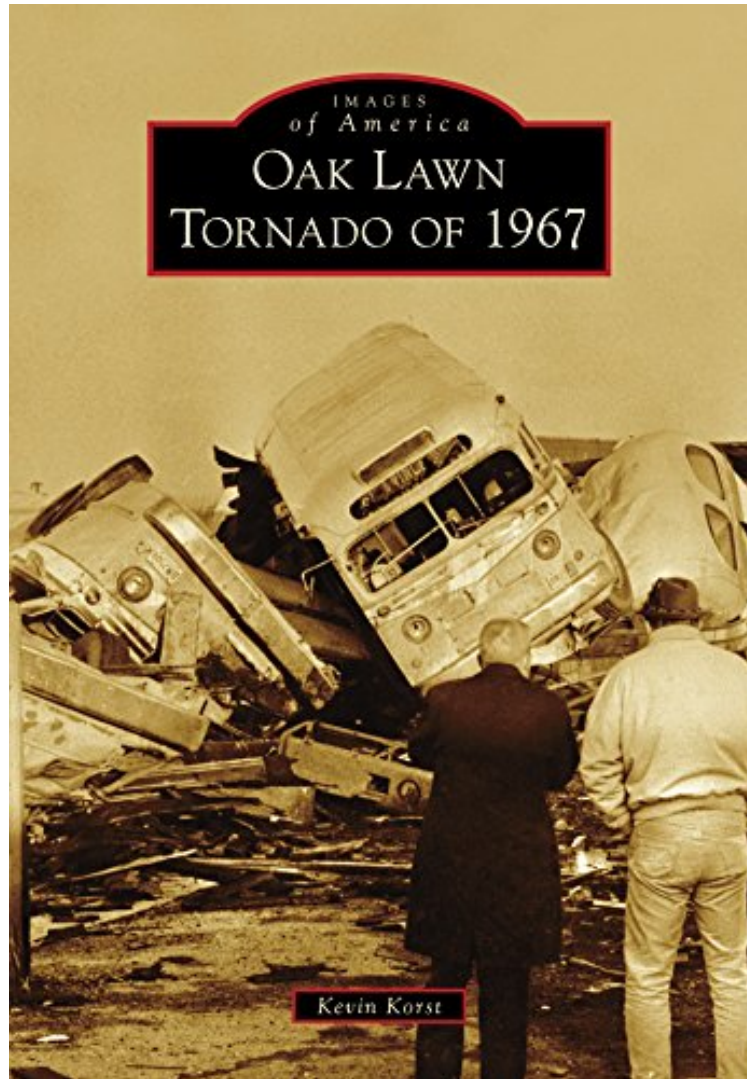


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Kevin Korst : Oak Lawn Tornado of 1967 (Images of America) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Oak Lawn Tornado of 1967 (Images of America):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Excellent account of a terrifying eventBy Victoria bordeauxI was 13 when the Oak Lawn tornado came through. The memories of it had such an impact on my life that even now, living in an area of the country that doesn't often have tornadoes, I can't live in a house without a basement. The book is filled with photographs of the aftermath of that horrible afternoon. In my opinion, it is an excellent account of a day that any of us who lived in the area at the time will never forget.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I'm the toddler being held by the Nun on page ...By FitzgeraldI'm the toddler being held by the Nun on page 48, my sister is sitting next to her. I remember my mother yelling at me to stay under the bed and the next memory was being

carried out by the old next door neighbor in a scratchy wool blanket. It's a miracle the death count wasn't higher. I was too young at the time to understand the loss, my condolences to all who lost or hurt from this tragedy. My uncle has donated a set of slides to the Oak Lawn Library. I am very moved by this historical compilation, well done. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Must see By JLP Very cool historical pictures from the past .

The morning of April 21, 1967, was crisp and clear, marking the arrival of spring. As the day progressed, dark clouds covered the skies over Oak Lawn, and a deadly tornado touched down in the village just before 5:30 p.m. Cutting through the intersection of 95th Street and Southwest Highway and striking elsewhere, the storm left mountains of debris and over 30 people dead in its wake. Oak Lawn Community High School, St. Gerald Catholic Church, and the Fairway Super Mart were among the structures damaged or destroyed by the high winds. After the disaster, rescue workers and volunteers poured into Oak Lawn to search for survivors, while Christ Community Hospital and other institutions treated more than 400 injured people. The immense cleanup, which took weeks to complete, saw debris hauled out or disposed of in controlled fires. Despite the scope of the devastation, many of the affected structures were repaired or rebuilt within 12 months.

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