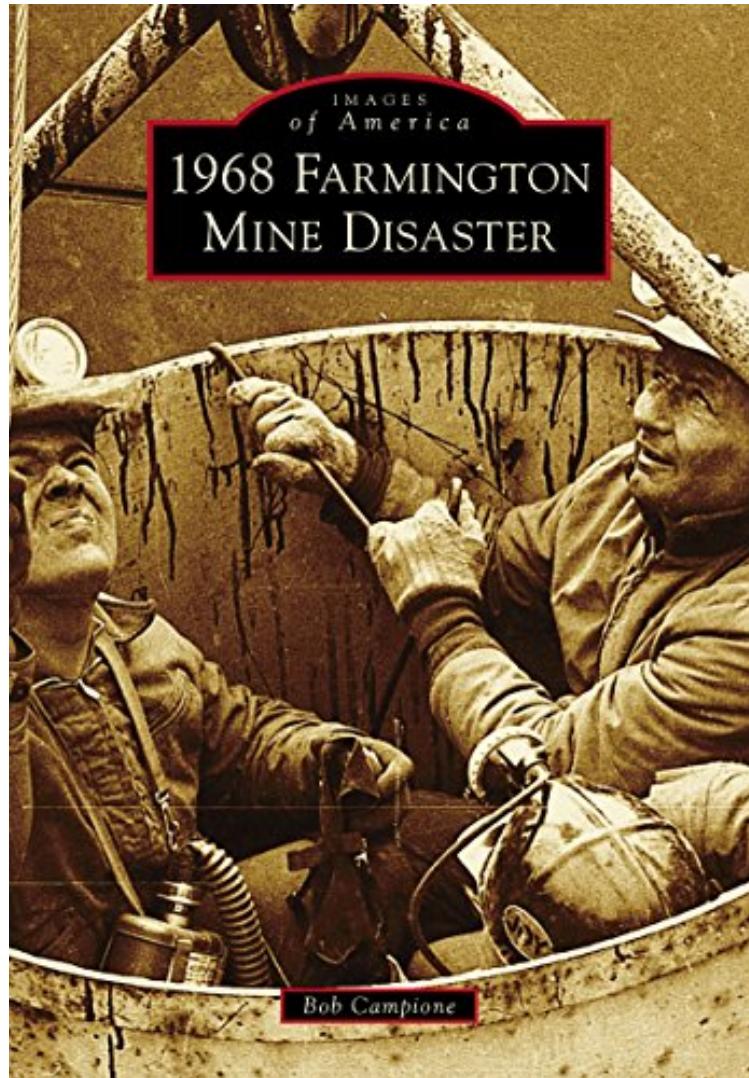


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**Bob Campione : 1968 Farmington Mine Disaster (Images of America)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised 1968 Farmington Mine Disaster (Images of America):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This book is just a book of pictures. What ...By Wess Harris This book is just a book of pictures. What pictures! Campione was the only photographer to capture the entirety of the mess at #9. His iconic bucket rescue photo and the pic of the smoke rising are classics but the totality of his work is about the people. Look closely at the faces to understand the enormity of the calamity. The narrative is really just filler between pics. Campione mentions Bonnie Stewart's No. 9 and folks who want a narrative account that is more complete than his should look to her book or Michael Kline's work in Truth Be Told. Campione misses the level of corruption in Boyle's UMWA tenure but he reminds us of the central role played by Boyle as well as safety officials

from Consol. Seeing the faces of those who knew of the unsafe conditions and did nothing....powerful. Sobering. Campione's book is not the entire story but it is an indispensable part of the big picture.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy CustomerGreat book. Arrived quickly.0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. disappointedBy donna greatly just a lot of photos not much history or what happened as time went on.

Coal in the United States was discovered in the 18th century by landowners and farmers on the slopes of the hillsides in the Appalachian region. It was not until the late 19th century that this black rock would become a part of an industrial revolution. One of the first mines to commercially produce coal was in Fairmont, West Virginia, and began the Consolidated Coal Corporation. On November 20, 1968, the Farmington No. 9 mine explosion changed the course of safety for future mining and the lives of 78 families whose sons, husbands, fathers, and loved ones never came back from the cat eye shift the next day.

About the AuthorIn a community where most men worked in the mining industry, author Bob Campione was a young man of 20 going to school and working as a news photographer. The first major incident Campione covered as a reporter was the tragic death of four men at Mine No. 9 on April 30, 1965. Little did he know that one day he would return to that very same location only to see smoke pouring out of the ground. Bob Campione would be there for the next 10 days, recording the events as they took place, and many of his photographs have never been seen or published until now.