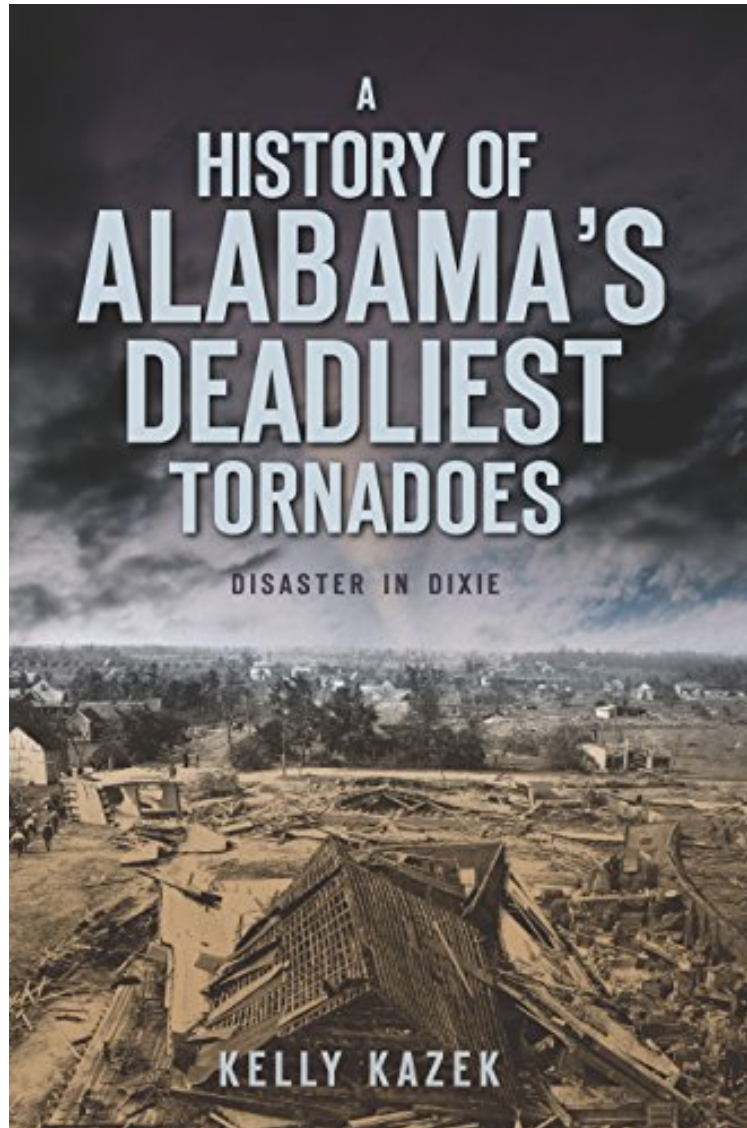


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I well remember the 1974 and 1989 tornados.By BobnaumannI always enjoy Kelly's columns in AL.com. As a research journalists, she delves into fascinating things in Alabama that I never new about. So when I saw that she had written a book about Alabama tornados, I was most anxious to see what she had to say about them, especially since I lived through the 1974 and 1989 tornados that struck near Huntsville. She

did not disappoint. Her accounts of personal experiences of people affected by the storms were gripping as well as the descriptions of the storm damage. It is really too bad she did not wait a year before writing this book. The 2011 tornado outbreak was the worst ever and would have given her even more material. I was especially struck by the plight of the poor people in northwest Jefferson County that were devastated by the three tornados she described, only to be hit again in 2011. Maybe she will write a sequel.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Badly organized and edited. By L. Swink Badly organized and edited. Information for each tornado was spread willy-nilly throughout the book. The content was interesting, but the effect was that the reader gets the same information two or more times in other chapters. Not a compelling read. My thought: Should have been told chronologically with scientific facts, pictures and historical anecdotes for each tornado.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. It brought back memories. By Cynthia M. Earnest Having experienced the Super Outbreak of 1974 as well as the storms of 1998 and 2011, I found myself reliving those events. I wish the book could have been longer and more detailed.

Journey just west of America's infamous Tornado Alley to Alabama, home to some of the deadliest tornadoes of the past century. These twisters remain etched in the collective memory of the people, from the 1908 Dixie Tornado, regarded as one of the most brutal tornadoes in U.S. history, to the 1998 Birmingham Tornado, the most expensive twister in Alabama's history. Discover how the 1932 Deep South Tornadoes resulted in 268 fatalities and millions of dollars in damage, and read the terrifying account of the 1977 Smithfield Tornadoes, which rocked this Birmingham suburb with as many as six twisters in a one-hour span. Join local journalist Kelly Kazek as she shares the tales of these natural disasters and the hardy Alabamians who endured them.

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