

# Remembering The Dust Bowl Refugee Camps I Harry Ransom Center



The Dust Bowl was a severe drought that affected the southern Great Plains of the United States in the 1930s. The drought caused severe damage to crops and livestock, and it forced many people to leave their homes in search of work and a better life. Some of these people ended up in refugee camps, where they lived in tents and other makeshift shelters.

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## The Refugee Camps

The Dust Bowl refugee camps were located in a variety of places, including California, Arizona, Texas, and Oklahoma. The camps were often overcrowded and unsanitary, and the people who lived there faced a number of challenges, including hunger, disease, and prejudice.

Despite the difficult conditions, the people who lived in the Dust Bowl refugee camps showed great resilience and determination. They worked together to build schools and churches, and they organized social events to help keep their spirits up. They also fought for their rights, and they eventually won the right to vote and to receive government assistance.

## The Legacy of the Dust Bowl

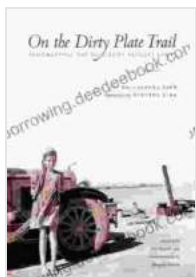
The Dust Bowl was a devastating event, but it also had a lasting impact on the United States. The drought forced people to migrate to new areas, and it helped to shape the way that we think about agriculture and the environment. The Dust Bowl also left a legacy of resilience and determination, and it is a reminder of the challenges that we can overcome when we work together.

## The Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center

The Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center at The University of Texas at Austin is home to a collection of materials related to the Dust Bowl refugee camps. The collection includes photographs, letters, oral histories, and other materials that document the lives of the people who lived in the camps.

The Ransom Center's collection is a valuable resource for scholars and researchers who are interested in the Dust Bowl and its impact on the American people. The collection is also a testament to the resilience and determination of the people who lived through this difficult time.

The Dust Bowl refugee camps were a dark chapter in American history, but they are also a story of resilience and determination. The people who lived in the camps faced incredible challenges, but they never gave up hope. Their story is a reminder that even in the darkest of times, we can find strength and hope within ourselves and our communities.



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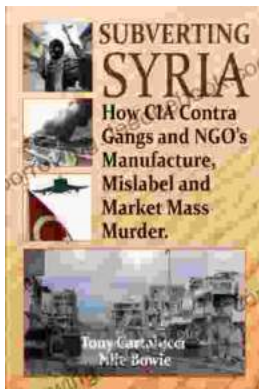
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