The Great American Dust Bowl

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The settlers of the Great Plains replaced the naturally occurring grasses with wheat. When a drought struck the plains the wheat couldn’t hold the soil together and it got swept up into great dust storms that darkened the sky, suffocated animals, and even derailed trains.

This graphic novel depicts the historic American dust storms and their aftermath in fittingly earthy tones and expressive illustrations. This style of nonfiction writing is fun to read and makes the circumstances of the dust bowl really come to life. The information in the book is informative and interesting, and delivered successfully with Brown’s excellent writing.