



## Though The Mountains May Fall: The story of the great Johnstown Flood of 1889

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On the afternoon of May 31, 1889, heavy rains caused the dam on Lake Conemaugh to fail, sending the water from the lake rushing downstream to devastate the city of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. With a death toll upwards of two thousand, the Johnstown flood was the deadliest natural disaster in American history up to that point. Lake Conemaugh was a manmade reservoir created in 1853. Somehow, the mountain of debris caught fire that evening, and the resulting conflagration killed many people who had been trapped in the debris. The water from the dam took only about 10 minutes to sweep through the city, but it left incredible damage in its wake. Learn more about the Johnstown Flood of 1889 on Newspapers.com. Share using: Posted in Headlines in History. All of my life the story of the Johnstown flood was told over and over again. I decided to read T. William Evans book, *Though the Mountains May Fall*, after a recent visit home when we went to the National Flood Memorial site. I must say the book was excellent. It put together the facts of the flood along with a tender story of love between a wealthy Pittsburgh boy and a local girl from a blue collar family. From the beginning of the book I could picture the town. The author's description made it very clear. The characters came to life. The story was exciting. The devastation of the flood was vivid. The Johnstown Flood would become one of the worst natural disasters ever seen in this country. Until the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, it was the United States' largest loss of civilian life in a single day. It had been raining heavily in the two days before the flood. The night of May 30, 1889 heavy rain poured non-stop. In the morning, Johnstown residents moved furniture and carpets to their second floors away from the rising waters of the Conemaugh and Stoney Creek Rivers. Businesses let their employees go home early to prepare their homes and families for flooding. The Dam Gives Way. 35 feet high at its crest, it had the force of Niagara Falls. Even the best swimmers couldn't swim in that mess. Many people drowned. Johnstown Flood National Memorial tells the story of the Great Johnstown Flood of 1889 and commemorates the 2,209 lives lost in that tragedy. Johnstown Flood National Memorial's best boards. Victorian Fashion. "J. Adamson, Photographer, Victoria Street, Rothsay." ©Ann Longmore-Etheridge Collection. Please visit [Your Dying Charlotte](http://YourDyingCharlotte.com), my site for history articles on many of the images in my collection. [www.dyingcharlotte.com](http://www.dyingcharlotte.com). Johnstown Flood National Memorial. Mourning Fashion of the Victorian Era. The Johnstown Flood (locally, the Great Flood of 1889) occurred on Friday, May 31, 1889, after the catastrophic failure of the South Fork Dam, located on the south fork of the Little Conemaugh River, 14 miles (23 km) upstream of the town of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The dam broke after several days of extremely heavy rainfall, releasing 14.55 million cubic meters of water. With a volumetric flow rate that temporarily equaled the average flow rate of the Mississippi River, the flood killed more than 2